

Faith United Methodist Church
of Orland Park



2022 Church Conference

OCTOBER 26, 2022

Rev. Jacques Conway, Presiding Elder
Pastor Caleb Yong Min Hong

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2022 Church Conference AGENDA

WELCOME

Pastor

CALL TO ORDER

DS/Presiding Elder

OPENING PRAYER

Lay Leader

HYMN "Spirit Song"

UMH #347

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17

Lay Leader

MESSAGE

DS/Presiding Elder

"Our identity as the church grows out of this grounding in Jesus' baptism. For 2000 years, we have been rooted in Christ while finding ways to live out our faith in the Christian community. While disconnected and isolated these past few years, we witnessed the power of connection in new ways. Through Zoom, online worship, missions, acts of compassion, and opportunities for social justice, the connection has held strong."

Bishop John L. Hopkins

HOLY CONFERRING

What do you remember from your baptism?

How do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and serve him as your Lord?

What is Jesus calling you to do in this new year?

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The New Testament records that Jesus was baptized by John, and he commanded his disciples to teach and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). Baptism is grounded in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and involves dying to sin, newness of life, union with Christ, receiving the Holy Spirit, and incorporation into Christ's church.

Let us Pray - Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

People: All praise to you, eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

(Members of the congregation may be invited to touch the water and, if desired, touch their foreheads with a moistened finger)

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **AMEN.**

HYMN (Selected by the church)

VITALITY REPORT by Vital Congregations

DS/Presiding Elder

(Churches' spiritual and financial vitality over several years based on their statistical report)

BUSINESS:

Leadership Nominations and Election

Clergy Compensation

Ministry Recommendations

Lay Servant Reports

Additional Business

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Pastor



Northern Illinois Conference

The United Methodist Church

Accessibility Audit 2022

*required field

District *
Lake South

Church *
Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Name of person filling out the form *

Email *

Philip Bitzer

philip.bitzer@att.net

1) Is your church accessible to those using wheelchairs, walkers or with other mobility challenges? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.
Fully accessible

2) Does your church provide large print worship materials such as Bibles, bulletins and hymn sheets and/or projection on screens? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.
We have projection screens, large print hymnals & Bibles.

3) Does your church provide hearing assistance via personal devices or hearing loop? (If you need info on this, please contact the NIC Committee on Accessibility Ministries) *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.
personal devices

4) Does your church offer special accessibility ministry services such as sign language interpretation? *

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

5) Does your church offer any special ministry programs such as support groups (i.e. grief, divorce, mental illness, AA) etc? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.
Grief Support

6) Does your church have a fully handicap accessible restroom(s)? This includes an exclusive single user restroom or an extra-large stall; both need to have grab bars, a high-rise toilet with auto-flushing valve, sink or vanity that allows for a wheelchair to roll under, a mirror that angles downward, reach-under activated faucets, paper towel dispenser and/or air powered hand-dryer located at a level that is easily reachable from a wheelchair and a power-assisted entry/exit door that opens outward. (for additional information, please contact the NIC Committee on Accessibility Ministries at accesstogodshouse@gmail.com) *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.
large stall, grab bars, activated towel dispenser

7) Does your church promote its accessibility capabilities via the church website, publications, and signage? Signage includes an indication of items such as hearing assist devices, large print bulletins being available and HCA restroom & elevators or lifts, ramps etc.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

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Athletic Committee Church Conference Report

Submitted by Ed Bayles, Chairman

Children and Youth Programs

There were no Children or Youth programs last year due to the Corona Virus epidemic restrictions.

Adult Programs

Men and Women Golf League 12 Participants

Witness to Fitness and Tai Chi (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

Average Class Size 40 Number who have participated 100

Adult Participation 112

AUDIO/VISUAL REPORT

to
FAITH UMCOP CHURCH CONFERENCE 2022

MEMBERS			
Announcements: Beth Kawczynski Church Photographer: Ed Kawczynski New Director starting August 1: Michelle Babics (Paid Position)	Audio: Chris Bryce, Director Kevin Palmer* Chelsea Castaneda Nathan Lowry thru 7/22 Cassie Belock Barry Barnett (*Paid thru RISE budget)	Video Recording: Diane Barnett Wendy Connolly Live-streaming Technologist(s) Chuck Campbell Chelsea Castaneda	Visuals: Laura Cardinal Bob Lazarz Diane Barnett Wendy Connolly Video Editing: Anna Hopper* (*Paid position)

The AV Team has been in a constant flux this year with Pastor Josh Bailey-Green leaving and Michelle Babics taking over in August.

AUDIO: Chris Bryce is primarily in charge of the audio during services. We purchased new headsets and microphones which have been installed.

VIDEO RECORDING/STREAMING: We continue to have a solid connection for streaming. Sermons are also being uploaded to the website in a timely manner.

VIDEO EDITING:

Anna, Diane and Wendy continue to create videos for, and edit videos from, Sunday services for upload and publishing on YouTube, Facebook and forwarding to our Faith Website once every week. Many individuals do personal recordings then send them to Diane, Anna and Wendy for editing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL VISUAL PRESENTATIONS:

Beth & Ed Kawczynski continue to do a wonderful job preparing announcements and special presentations (All Saints in October and Veterans in November) for Sunday/Saturday services, the newsletter and our website. Ed does an amazing job on photographing special occasions. This year baptisms were held after Sunday services in which Ed takes beautiful pictures for the families and our services.

AV TEAM TRANSITION TO NEW DIRECTOR OF AV RESPONSIBILITIES:

The team has been working/training with Michelle since August 1st to transition responsibilities.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AV:

Besides our weekly Sunday services, our Team worked hard to assist in events that occurred here at Faith this year.

- 2022 Special Lenten Services (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday)
- Baptisms were still scheduled after services and were live-streamed, recorded and video edited for the following Sunday
- Live streaming for Kubicki wedding
- Swift Speaker Forum

SOFTWARE:

We currently use Power Director, Open Broadcast System and ProPresenter 6 for services. There are still plans to upgrade to ProPresenter 7.

EQUIPMENT:

We purchased and installed two TV's to broadcast services into the lobby. New headsets and microphones we also purchased and installed.

AV WISHLIST:

More Volunteers!!!! We will train!!!!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We again thank Chuck Campbell from Argyle Technologies for continually installing, training and trouble-shooting our new software and hardware. He is an integral part of the FUMC team.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Babics, Chairperson A/V Team

**Faith United Methodist Church
Church Conference Report for 2022
Christian Education Committee**

I began my first term as chairwoman last January. I am grateful for the generous guidance and patience of previous chairwoman Janice McBride and the office staff. Committee members are active participants in program planning and production. I am especially grateful to Pastor Caleb for his encouragement to try new things.

Faith UMC Christian Education Committee plans for the adults in our church. Our primary goals for this year has been to

- restart adult education groups that had paused during Covid.
- introduce new events including one-time learning presentations and adult study classes
- to expand the pool of class leaders

Established groups that have continued to meet are Upper Room, Women's Bible Study, Cheer Givers (sending cards of encouragement) and Quilters (making quilts for baptisms.)

The Lenten small group and sermon series was on *Words of Life*, on the Ten Commandments, by Adam Hamilton. There were over 60 participants meeting in person, by Zoom, or conference call. Feedback was very positive.

During the summer we offered monthly all-age events on community; a coffee and conversation with an educational presentation. Committee members helped with set up and hosting.

June we looked our Methodist heritage by celebrating John Wesley's life.

July we explored how Faith UMC is made up of folks from many neighborhoods by sharing info about ourselves and where we live.

August we displayed local mission opportunities church members may not be aware of.

Fall small groups study and sermon series began in September on Jennie Allen's *Find Your People*. There are six groups with about 60 people participating. Two of the groups have first time leaders.

We are starting another new adult ed class this month, a book/bible study on *Courage* by Tom Berlin. This class is an attempt to reestablish an adult Sunday School Class and to get more men involved in small groups. There are two of these classes meeting, Sunday morning and Tuesday evening.

The Christian Education Committee will meet this Fall to plan for 2023, to continue to offer educational gathering opportunities in a variety of formats. We want to especially look at how to reestablish Men's Bible Study and Disciples. class.

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Chapple
Christian Education Chair

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORT - 2022
CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE**

The Church and Society Committee continues to encourage our congregation to exercise their right to vote during all elections in their towns and villages.

We have been monitoring anti "On-Line Gambling" websites, voicing our stance.

Some of our committee members are also active on websites working towards the end of "Gun Violence".

Due to the pandemic, most of the SWIFT (South West Interfaith Team) Speakers Forums were ZOOM events. On September 18th, 2022, Faith United Methodist Church hosted a live forum addressing the topic: Refugees in our Faith.

The committee also put on hold during COVID, the "Books for Kids" program. We hope to start it up again in 2023.

We continue to support Ukraine in their war efforts and would like to have another collection for them soon.

The Church and Society Committee is always open to concerns and well-needed support interests from our congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bartak

Chairperson
Church and Society

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2022 CROP Walk Report

The Southwest Suburban CROP Hunger Walk was held on Sunday October 2, 2022. The Walk was a 1 mile walk against hunger for Church World Service using the loop trail around Lake Katherine in Palos Heights. Amount raised on the day of the walk was not available with approximately 40 walkers from 5 local churches. 25% of the amount raised will be given to local pantries.

Jim Simmons

Faith United Methodist Church
Church Conference Report 2022
Endowment Committee

The goal for the Endowment Committee is to provide grants to Not For Profit groups and organizations usually but not limited to our local or Chicagoland communities. The amount of monies available to the Endowment Committee are based on a percentage of the prior years earnings on the Endowment Investment funds.

All requests must be submitted to our committee on a completed "Request for Endowment Fund Request" which can be found on our church website. Copies of the request form are also available at the church. Once we receive a completed form it is reviewed by all committee members and a majority vote must be received for approval and funding to that group. Letters are sent to both the approved requests along with the check, and letters thanking groups for their request but at this time we are not able to support their request. Genie Lang representing the Missions Committee & I have been able to personally deliver checks to some of our local organizations including:

Elim Christian Services

Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

My Joyful Heart

Children's Home & Aid

What a wonderful opportunity this has been & how fortunate we are to have this Endowment Fund to provide monies to these groups of people who help & support those in need.

A copy of all grants that have been approved & checks that have been sent as of September 2022 has been provided.

The Endowment Committee meets every other month so I am usually able to get an update of the Endowment Committee's activities & also share with the church through the monthly church newsletter the organizations that we have provided funding for at our last meeting.

Our last meeting for the year is November 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Morrone

Chair of Endowment Committee

Endowment Committee Current Year Grants

Information as of

9/25/2022

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT	1,000
BEDS PLUS	5,000
BRIDGE TEEN CENTER	5,000
CHILDREN'S HOME AND AID	2,500
ELIM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	1,475
H.O.M.E. HOUSING OPPORT.	3,000
MY JOYFUL HEART	3,200
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)	1,000
P.A.X.A.	2,000
PEDIATRIC TREASURE CHEST	2,000
TREVOR RISINGER, INTERVARSITY	1,000

Annual Total

27,175

Budget

50,166

Remaining

22,991

Family Ministry

Church Conference 2022

Sunday school begins in September and runs through May. During the hour that parents are participating in worship, children begin the service in the Sanctuary and following Faith Kids they are dismissed to Sunday school. Each week children read the Bible, play games, share stories, use technology, make crafts, learn to serve others and pray for one another. We have several new volunteers who have committed to teaching as well as a number of returning volunteers.

COVID concerns prevented us from hosting an in-person Vacation Bible School this year. In lieu of VBS we hosted a Parking Lot Party to "kick off" the summer season. Children aged 1-100 years participated in games, decorated chef hats and aprons and made their very own homemade ice cream. A free dinner of hot dogs, walking tacos, and chips was provided for all attendees. Desserts included more than 10 different ice cream treats. Over 100 people attended this free community event.

Youth group focused on several community service projects during the last year. Youth decorated pumpkins which were sold during church services. All money collected was donated to UNICEF's Trick or Treat campaign. Youth also made Easter and Spring cards for doctors and nurses at Palos Hospital. Youth group meets on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Youth will continue to participate in fun activities, programs and opportunities for mission and service to others within the local community and around the globe.

The Youth Mission trip this year was a week of serving with local mission partners. We partnered with The Bridge Teen Center by sorting and stocking clothing for their thrift store. We worked at HHH Ranch in Manhattan cleaning up animal pens, barns, and removing damaged wood. Youth also worked at Faith UMC sprucing up the building by cleaning and disinfecting all tables and pews, scrubbing and mopping floors, cleaning windows, restocking pews with pencils, Kleenex, and prayer cards, cleaning and restocking micropantry.

We have supported Operation Christmas Child as a Vacation Bible School mission for several years. Although we didn't have in person VBS the decision was made to continue supporting this important mission. This is a Christian organization that provides shoe boxed sized Christmas gifts to children all over the world. In the last 20 years they have delivered more than 135 million gifts to children in over 150 countries. Members and friends of the Faith community filled boxes at home at their own expense and provided the \$9 shipping cost for each box filled. Faith UMC has shipped more than 1000 boxes.

Kick Off Weekend was created with kids in mind and allowed for kids to participate at home via live stream or in service in the church building. Kids served as Lay Worship Leader, liturgists, and offered prayers via video.

The Family Ministry team also participates in many other activities at Faith. We work with the Missions committee to host mission opportunities for children and families. In the fall we host a community Trunk or Treat event. In December we host the annual Santa Jamboree for the church and community. During the summer we host a free week of Vacation Bible school. Family ministry is an exciting and fun place to be!!

Kim Clifton, Director of Family Ministry

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2022

By the time we meet as Church Conference, we will have completed four events for the year.

Our first event in March, to encourage people to come back to church and get reacquainted, was Pi Day with family games. We had pot pies, pizza pies and a plethora of desert pies. Most interesting was a tomato pie!

Our second event was Family Casserole and Puzzle Fun. We also used this occasion to welcome new members with balloons and a poster board with all of their pictures.

Union Creek Park, about 44 blocks south of church, was the site for our Church Picnic. With three playgrounds the children were not at a loss for something to do!

We averaged a little over 30 people at each of these three events.

In mid-October we will host our Chili Cook-off event. In past years this has drawn as many as 100 people. Bible crossword puzzles and Bible trivia will be our social activity. With a two-year hiatus, we are hoping to draw at least half that number.

Overall, I think it has been a successful year for our committee and look forward to more fun events next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Clemenson and Nancy Carver, cochairpersons

Intentional Discipleship System

Making disciples is the reason we exist as The United Methodist Church. That includes being intentional in developing ways to teach our people that discipleship and disciple making are lifelong journeys. Faith's mission statement is to bring people to Jesus Christ through worship education, mission, and fellowship. That makes us disciples – one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ, and sharing Christ.

A committee made up of Rita Bartak, Kathy Jones, Steve Velten, Sandy Ward, and Pastor Caleb have been working on a plan of Intentional Discipleship for Faith UMC. We have developed a graphic and specific ideas using our mission statement of worship, education, mission, and fellowship to illustrate moving through and strengthening our stages of discipleship.

The complete chart will be presented to the congregation in January, 2023.



2022 Northern IL Conference Report Highlights
Jim Simmons and Sandy Ward, Lay Delegates

After 2 years of meeting via Zoom, the 183rd Northern Illinois Annual Conference was held in person on June 8-10. It began with a standing-room -only Laity session which included updates from each district lay leader. Bishop John Hopkins opened the Annual Conference with the Memorial Service which honored and remembered clergy, spouses, and lay members who passed away since our last gathering.

The first Plenary Session included table talks led by the Annual Conference Shepherding Team co-chairs around the #BeUMC campaign. After a dinner break, five legislative sections were held for the first time in more than a decade and voting on legislation for the consent calendar was held.

The Retirement Service opened the second day by celebrating 16 retirees with a combined 364 years of service. Their stories were heartwarming and meaningful (although almost none of them could stay within their given 3 minute time allotment).

Voting on the consent calendar (legislation) had it pass with one exception. Document 700.12 dealing with elections for general conference was lifted and a substitute amendment providing that "Unless Judicial Council requires the 2020 delegation to be seated in 2024, new delegates will be elected at the 2023 Annual Conference." It passed. Other legislation could have been discussed if a petition signed by 25 members of Annual Conference had requested it to be lifted and a full discussion held. No petitions were filed.

The NIC Board of Pensions introduced the "You Made a Difference" initiative. Everyone will be encouraged to share a story of a clergy who made a difference in your life and then to make a donation of a gratitude gift. Funds raised will go toward future clergy retirement benefit program payments. More information on this initiative will be forthcoming.

Bishop Hopkins delivered his Episcopal Address. There was also a Bible study led by Rev. Jane Eesley, senior pastor of Christ UMC in Rockford. It focused on the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts. 8:26-40. The Laity Address was delivered by NIC Co-Lay Leader, Eugene Williams. He pointed out that "There is so much more that connects us than separates us. Our bridge is Jesus Christ."

On the final day, the 2023 budget totaling \$6,073,451 - an \$82,036 DECREASE from 2022 was passed. The day continued with award recognitions and the wonderful news that the Bishop's Appeal offering had raised a total of \$275,000. This will go to help support Ukraine through Global Ministries relief efforts. We were one of sixty churches who also helped fill the truck for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center's mission challenge. Annual Conference closed with the Ordination and Commissioning Service. Bishop Hopkins commissioned 4 candidates toward Elders Orders and ordained 7 (6 elders and 1 deacon). One person was recognized for the office of Deaconess.

Pastor Caleb was reappointed to Faith UMC for 2022-23.

Jim Simmons and Sandy Ward, Lay Delegates

2022 NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
REPORT TO THE FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ORLAND PARK CHURCH COUNCIL

I attended the 2022 Illinois Annual Conference at the Schaumburg Convention Center on January 8 - 10 as one of the three lay delegates from Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park. The other members of the delegation were Jim Simmons, Sandra Ward and Pastor Caleb who was our clergy representative.

This is the first time I attended a live annual conference since my initial election in 2021. I did attend last year's virtual conference which was held utilizing Zoom meeting technology. I was excited to finally be able to represent our congregation at an actual annual conference believing it would give me a much better opportunity to speak, debate and vote representing our traditionalist members. I was wrong.

When I arrived at the conference, I attended a briefing for lay members and another briefing that immediately followed for new members. I was surprised at the large number of delegates attending the laity briefing and a much

smaller number staying for the new member briefing. I also noticed that no microphones were provided for people who had questions or comments.

During the laity conference and new member briefings a general overview was explained regarding reviewing how the annual conference would be conducted. We were told that there would be evening sessions where the consent calendar would be presented, discussed, and voted upon. I had read this was the procedure in pre-conference materials and it was previously reviewed at the virtual conference I attended a couple of weeks ago. There were 5 sessions, and each session would deal with legislation that had already been submitted by committees and individuals prior to the conference.

I asked a question at the pre-conference virtual Zoom meeting to inquire about how to be assigned to a session that would be discussing legislation that I was interested in. I specifically wanted to have input to legislation that dealt with issues connected to the Annual Conference's position on the schism and procedures for churches who wanted to disaffiliate with the United Methodist Church. It was my understanding that Annual Conferences across the world have been debating these issues and taking positions.

I was informed that session delegate assignments were arbitrarily assigned and could not be changed. At the new member briefing I asked the same question because the session I was assigned to dealt with generic issues and I had been elected as a lay delegate to represent the traditional members of our congregation. The moderator responded he understood but these rules had been determined by a "standing committee" and could not be changed. I protested but to no avail.

I attended the session I was assigned (session 2) that evening. I voted with the unanimous group of delegates to approve. There were a couple of questions during the session but there was no debate due to the generic substance of the legislation.

I assumed that all the legislation on the consent calendar would be submitted to the entire annual conference throughout the general meetings. When I attended the next day's general session, I discovered that the entire consent calendar was going to be voted upon without any further discussion or debate. Suddenly the Bishop called for a voice vote to approve all the legislation approved by the legislative sessions determined the night before. He announced all in favor say "Yes" at which time almost everyone in the large assembly shouted "YES!" He then said all opposed say "NO" at which time

I loudly shouted "NO". I think I heard one other female delegate shout "NO" but there may have been a few more of the 800 or so delegates in attendance that may also have voted "No".

I have attached the entire consent calendar and the session votes for the information of those in our congregation that may be interested. Also, all the general conference sessions can be found on YouTube. I do not think the legislative sessions are available online, but I may be wrong.

I have sent a letter to the annual conference committee and the bishop stating my dissatisfaction with the methods used to pass legislation at the annual conference. It is clear to me that there is a systemic problem with how lay delegates are elected to the Annual Conference. It was also apparent that a huge majority of those attending were either progressive or centrist and that traditionalists are not proportionally represented. The results of voting on the issues presented in the consent calendar seems to confirm this. Also, it seems that many of the delegates have been in their positions for decades even though the position is term limited according to the Book of Discipline. Even two of the delegates from Faith have been representing our church since the merger 12 years ago.

Other members of the delegation will provide more information about the other events that took place and overviews will be available on the Northern Illinois Conference website. I will be glad to answer any questions and listen to any comments the members of our congregation may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Barnett

Lay Delegate to the Northern Illinois Annual Conference

LAY SPEAKER
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE
Initial Application or Request for Renewal



Report for year ending 2022

SECTION I: DATA ON THE LAY SPEAKER

Name (Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☒) Bruce D. Person
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Telephone 708-601-6980 E-mail personbk@att.net
Name of District Lake South
Name of Church Faith UMC Orland Park
Church Address 15101 W. 80th Av City/State/Zip Orland Park, IL 60462
Church Telephone 708-444-8560

SECTION II: STATUS OF THE LAY SPEAKER

☐ **For initial application** as a Lay Speaker

1. Are you currently a Certified Lay Servant? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. What year did you complete your Basic Course? _____
3. What year did you complete your Advanced Course for certification as a lay servant? _____
4. What was the title of your Advanced Course? _____
5. Which of the following required Lay Speaking courses have been completed?
☐ Leading Worship ☐ Leading Prayer ☐ Discovering Spiritual Gifts
☐ Preaching ☐ United Methodist Heritage ☐ United Methodist Polity

(Upon completion of the required course work, the Lay Speaker candidate will be examined by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries and recommended to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries to be considered for certification.)

☒ **For renewal** as a Lay Speaker

1. What year did you first become certified as a Lay Speaker? 2008
2. Date of last review of Lay Speaker status: Nov. 2021 Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. What year did you complete your last Advanced Course? March 2021
4. What was the title of your last Advanced Course? Called to Preach

SECTION III: REQUEST OF THE LAY SPEAKER

I request recommendation of my pastor and my charge conference to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.
Date October 26, 2022 Lay Servant Bruce Person

SECTION IV: RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.
Date _____ Pastor _____

SECTION V: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE

The church council/charge conference of _____ (church/charge)
recommends the above person begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.
Date _____ Church Council Chair or District Superintendent _____

(To be completed by those requesting renewal as a Lay Speaker)

SECTION VI: MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SPEAKER

During the past year, I have participated in ***caring ministries*** as follows:

- ☐ served as a volunteer in a care-giving institution ☒ provided one-on-one caring
☒ at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in ☒ in membership/evangelism visitation
☐ served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc)
☒ other caring activities (Please list) Member Caring Ministry

During the past year, I have participated in ***leading ministries*** as follows:

- ☒ served as member of committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.
☐ as a volunteer at a community agency
☒ at my local church
☐ beyond my local church
☐ on my District ☐ Conference ☐ Jurisdiction ☐ General Church level
☐ other leading activities (Please list) _____

During the past year, I have participated in ***communicating ministries*** as follows:

- ☒ brought message in 1 worship services
☒ served as worship leader in 2 services
☐ delivered _____ devotional messages
☐ taught _____ classes
☒ shared my faith story _____
☐ other speaking activities (Please list) _____

During the past year I have participated in additional opportunities for ministry as follows (*Additional writing space below*):
SPRC Chairperson, member trustees, Stephen Minister Leader

SECTION VII: PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SPEAKER

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, communicating and speaking?
Read and participated "Words of Life" study

SECTION VIII: FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SPEAKER

1. Do you feel called to be in service in any area of ministry, either in the church or outside the church, in which you are not currently involved? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, please list those areas below.)

2. What additional training or support do you need or would suggest to further your ministry:
Lay Servant classes

3. Give any recommendations you have for improving Lay Servant Ministries in your District or Conference:

(Note: District Directors are encouraged to respond to any comments within this section.)

NOTICE: After this form is completed and signed by those listed above, the Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference is requested to reproduce **THREE** copies: (1)Lay Speaker, (2)District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, (3)District Superintendent. The Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference keeps the **ORIGINAL**. (Revised September 2016)

2022 Membership Report

Pastor Caleb Hong

Baptisms

Jeremiah Reid
Addison Palmer
Sadie Palmer
Ella Grace O'Malley
Amara Lin Brazda

Confirmant

Karly Bottom

New Members

Lois Vaughan
Connor Powell
Deann Nambo
William Nambo
Robert Hillegonds
Brett Dohmayer
Mike Weglarz
Rick Dutton
Ron & Jan Taylor
Phylis Klaiber
Zack Jakubiak & Liz Brice

Deaths

Alice Taylor
Doris Hoover
Glenn Drechsel
George Motzer
Pearl Cooper
Ron Prete
Joan Smith
Correction(2-21)
Logan Brown
not Mike Brown

Janet Kuester (missed being recorded on 2014 report, but has now transferred)

Withdrawals

Jennifer Van Sickle	Lauren Steele	Andrew Sprutta
Kayla Hendrick	Kyle Hendrick	Susan Goodwyn
Steve & Ronda Brundridge	Garrett Sprutta	Joshua Jones
Shirley Hine	Katie Stoaks	Brian Bartak

Jozwik Family (Terry, Jessica, and Rachel)

Membership Summary

November 10, 2021- October 13, 2022

2021 Total Membership Reported	456
New Members	13
Confirmand	1
Deaths	7
Withdrawals	16
Removed by Church	0
2022 Total Membership	447

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Memorial Committee

Committee Members: Pat Loebe (Chairperson), Tom Goforth, Terri Goforth, Joan Gruetzmacher, Rich Jones, Judy Iwinski, Rita Schuldt, and Marla Smith.

<u>Starting Balance Jan. 2022</u>	\$ 11,807.74
<u>Deposits Jan. 2022 through Sept. 2022</u>	\$ 3,126.50
	\$ 14,934.24

Withdrawals: Jan. 2022 through September 2022

7/14/2022	Down payment furniture Narthex remodel	\$ 1,000.00
7/26/2022	Flooring — Narthex Remodel	\$ 1,950.00
8/1/2022	2 Chairs Narthex Remodeling	\$ 2,645.00
8/4/2022	2 Sony 65" LED TV's Narthex	\$ 2,850.00
8/11/2022	Server & Tables Narthex Remodel	\$ 2,929.95

Total Withdrawals: **\$ 11,374.95**

Balance in Memorial Fund Sept. 2021: \$ 3,559.29

Procedures For Memorials received at Faith UMC:

Donations for Memorials go directly to the Office Manager at the church office. They are deposited in the Memorial Fund which is held in the church account. A list is made as checks or cash arrive. This list of donations is given to the chairperson of the Memorial Committee. The Committee is responsible for sending out a preprinted thank you for these donations. They also send a List of Donors to the contact person of the deceased.

When requests are made for use of these funds a request form must be sent to the chairperson in writing. The Committee must vote on approval of the expenditures.

Pat Loebe, Chairperson

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORT 2022
MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Since the Missions Committee's report for 2021, we still have not been able to be as active as we'd like in volunteering of our time due to COVID. We did manage, though, to accomplish a lot in other ways because of the generosity of our congregation!

We were able to collect 135 Christmas gifts for Together We Cope, and our congregation was able to virtually donate money for Christmas gifts for Angel Tree last December. Three hundred Christmas cards went out to students at our adopted school in Midlothian.

In January we sent money through UMCOR that we collected in December to help our southern neighbors devastated by tornados. In February we collected 1,354 items from underwear, socks, and toiletries to toys and more for Home and Aid in Hazel Crest, IL. This is an organization that helps children ages from birth to 21 as they enter foster care. We, also, were able to give them \$595 in gift cards (purchased from our RaiseRight gift card program which raises money for our adult and youth mission trips), \$2,500 from our Endowment Committee and \$100 from an anonymous donor. These gifts were delivered to Home and Aid in March! Also, in March we sent money through UMCOR to provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine, as well as those fleeing to neighboring countries. We sent \$570 to the Honduras Sponsorship Program to pay the tuition for the student we sponsor at the Juan Wesley School in Honduras.

In May, we were able to donate \$3,000 because of the generosity of our congregation, Missions and Endowment Committees to the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. This organization ships toys and gift cards to fill treasure chests they've donated every month to 65 hospitals in the United States that are either children's hospitals that have cancer wings for just children or children's hospitals that treat only kids with cancer. My husband, Gary, and I had the honor of going to Knoxville, Tennessee in June to represent Faith UMC to help present a treasure chest to East Tennessee Children's Hospital which is the P.O.T.C.'s 65th hospital! The treasure chest was given in honor of Faith UMC because of all the support we have given to the organization over the years. There is a beautiful plaque on the inside of the lid of the chest honoring our church!

In July someone gave us approximately 1,000 pairs of new socks of all sizes for men, women and children. The Missions Committee decided to donate 908 pairs to My Joyful Heart who supplies children with clothes, school supplies, etc., who need them in many school districts in the Chicago area. The rest of the socks were given to a family who lost their home in a fire and everything in it. We also, through our Endowment Committee, were able to give My Joyful Heart \$3,200!!

Also, in July we collected a total of \$4,550 (Congregation \$1,545.28, Missions \$1,529.72 and Endowment \$1,475) for Elim Christian Services' HOPE Pack Program which supplies needy students with a box of all their school supplies each year. Elim is an organization that supports children and adults with disabilities. These HOPE Packs are given to needy students all over the Chicago area. The Missions Committee asked Elim to give our donation of HOPE Packs to our adopted Springfield School students. Elim had a generous donor who committed to doubling all donations given in August. Therefore, our donation of \$4,550.00 became \$9,100, and we were able to supply all 325 students at Springfield School with their school supplies! In September we had two volunteers from our church volunteer at Elim to help with pony rides at their Dutch Fest. This is Elim's biggest fundraiser and is attended by hundreds (or more!) of people.

During the month of August, we asked our congregation, again, to donate through UMCOR for Kentucky flood relief. We are now asking them in October to donate for Hurricane Ian relief. Our congregation always comes through when help is needed!!

There is a meeting of several Committee Chairpersons on October 16th to discuss how our church will be helping the sojourners from Central and South America who have arrived in the Chicago area. Missions is now working on whether to buy gifts or donate virtually to Angel Tree for Christmas. We will be deciding, also, if we will be donating gifts again to Together We Cope for Christmas.

Finally, we will be continuing our Micro Food Pantry indefinitely, which is located out in front of the church. We continue stocking it each week through the Pastor's Emergency Fund and congregational and community donations. People are definitely using our Micro Pantry constantly.

I am so proud of how generous our congregation is when it comes to helping others in need. I'm really looking forward to finding more ways for our congregation to volunteer to help people in person in 2023!

Respectfully submitted,

Genie Lang, Chairperson
Missions Committee

New Members Report

Church Conference 2022

Twelve (12) new members were welcomed into the church in the past year during two membership events:

1) April 2022 (7): Connor Powell, Bill Nambo, Deann Nambo, Robert Hillegonds, Brett Dohmayer, Mike Weglarz, Rick Dutton

2) September 2022 (5): Phyllis Klaibor, Liz Brice, Zach Jukubiak, Jan Taylor, Ron Taylor

The next membership event will be planned in early 2023.

Each membership event incorporates participation in a new members class which includes content from the pastor on Christianity 101, A Process for New Members, and United Methodist Church 101. Information is presented on the history of Faith United Methodist Church, the groups and programs available, and how to support the church through presence, participation, and financial offerings. New members are provided with a Church Directory, the most recent Charge Conference Report, and other introductory materials.

All new members are partnered with a mentor. Each new member completes a Spiritual Gifts Assessment and meets with Sandy Ward, program Director, to discuss church participation opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Svoboda and Nancy Clemenson
Co-Directors of New Membership

Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park

2022 Nominations Report

Church Council

Chair	Darren Massey - 2023
Secretary	Laura Powell – 2023
Staff/Pastor Parish Chair	Bruce Person – 2023
Finance Chair	Lynn Low- 2023
Endowment Chair	_____ – 2023 (chosen by Committee)
Trustee Chair	_____ – 2023 (chosen by Committee)
Worship Chair	Dorothy Wertzbaugher – 2025
Christian Education Chair	Kitty Chapple – 2023
Mission Chair	Genie Lang – 2023
Fellowship Co-Chairs	Nancy Clemenson/Nancy Carver – 2023
Family Ministry Rep.....	_____ – 2023 (chosen by Committee)
3 At Large Members	Barry Barnett – 2023
	Lorie Bradach – 2024
	Hannah Zarbuck - 2025
Lay Leader	Dave Manchester – 2023

Athletic Committee

Chair, _____ (2023)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Cliff Eade	Ed Bayles	_____
Tiffany Wu		

Christian Education

Chair, Kitty Chapple (2023)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Alice Mossman	Janice McBride	Jan Taylor
Kitty Chapple	Jill Damrow	_____
Dorothy Wertzbaugher	Peggy Gillespie	_____
Church Library: _____		

Church and Society Committee

Chair, Rita Bartak (2023)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Rita Bartak	Donna Petersen	JoEllen Simmons
Lillian Wertheim	Jim Simmons	Jan Housinger
Sue Ernst		Mimi Housinger

Communication Team

Team Leader	Sally Puzon (Office Manager)
Announcement Slides	Beth Kawczynski
Director of AV & Web	Michelle Babics
Publicity Chair	Barb Hendrickson

Endowment Fund Committee

Chair, _____ (chosen by Committee)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Austin Zarbuck	Terry Velten	Marla Smith
Laura Schuldt	Joe Purpura	Chuck Svoboda
Paula Morrone	Ron Kulak	Genie Lang

Family Ministry Council

Brian Bachman, Shelli Galbert, Matt & Christine Beecher, Kevin Bottom, Liz Brice

Fellowship Committee

Chair, Nancy Clemenson (2024) & Nancy Carver (2023)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Nancy Carver	Nancy Clemenson	Beverly Morgan
Adrienne Hirsch	Nancy Ruppert	_____

Finance Committee

Finance Chair	Lynn Low – 2023
Church Council	Darren Massey
Endowment Fund	Chosen by Committee
Financial Secretary Co-Leaders	Sue Eade '24 / Lois White '24
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Sandy Ward
Memorial Chair	Pat Loebe
Staff Parish Relations Chair	Bruce Person
Stewardship Chair	Greg Bradach
Treasurer	Sharon McCasland ('23), Fran Carmichael ('23), Lynn Low ('23)
Trustees Chair(s)	Chosen by Committee

At Large: Dave Manchester (2023), Carole Terlep (2023), Greg Bradach (2023)

Fundraiser Coordinators: Sandy Ward (2023), Denny Damrow (2023)

Counting Team: Brenda Madding (2023) & Denny Damrow (2023)

Hospitality Team

Supplies – Meriellen & Al Anderson (2023)
Taste of Faith Scheduling – Beverly Dowdle (2023)
Special Events – Diane Pochinskas (2023)

Igniting Ministry

Chair – Caleb Hong

Congregational Care Ministry

Birthday Cards Coord.	Beverly Dowdle (2023), Dawn Zeitz (2023), Barb Kellogg (2023), Bev Morgan (2023), Vicki Kleinow (2023), Gwen Svoboda (2023), Marla Smith (2023)
Food for Faith Families	Jan Kubillus (2022)
Funeral Food Coordinator	Mary Kough (2022)
Funeral Steward(s)	Sue Eade (2024), Elaine Eubank (2022)
Prayer Shawl	Mary Bukovi (2022)
Stephen's Ministry Coord.	Bruce Person (2023)

Welcoming Ministry

New Members coord(s)	Nancy Clemenson (2023), Michelle Warzalak (2024)
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Intentional Discipleship System Team

Team Leader: Sandy Ward

Members: Rita Bartak, Kathy Jones, Steve Velten

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Sandy Ward (2023), Jim Simmons (2024), Barry Barnett (2025)

Lay Worship Leaders

Coordinator: Jill Damrow (2024)

2024 – Jill Damrow, Bruce Person, Theresa Philosophos, Chuck Svoboda, Sandy Ward

2025 – Greg Bradach, Sue Eade, Sarah Kubicki, Jim Sandberg, Dorothy Wertzbaugher

2026 – Rita Bartak, Steve Velten, Bill Zeitz, Sue Roessler

Membership Committee

Chair, Kathy Jones (2025)

2023

Nancy Doherty

2024

Bev Morgan
Lois White

2025

Kathy Jones
Nancy Ruppert

Memorial Committee

Chair, Pat Loebe (2025)

2023

Terri Goforth
Tom Goforth
Joan Gruetzmacher

2024

Rich Jones
Rita Schuldt
Marla Smith

2025

Lynda Odigie
Ron Taylor
Pat Loebe
Judy Iwinski

Men of Faith (elected annually by Men of Faith)

President: Dale Carver

Secretary: Bill Zeitz

Vice-President: Gary Lang

Treasurer: Clyde Blanke

Prayer Advocate: Jim Simmons

Mission Committee

Chair, Genie Lang (2023)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Genie Lang	Dennis McGahan	Peggy Gillespie
Lynda Odigie	Peggy DeNormandie	Kim O'Connor
Bill Zeitz	Kim Clifton	Linda Bitzer

Blood Drive: Lois White (2023) & Lita Hudik (2023) & _____ (coordinator)

Youth Mission Trip: Director of Family Ministry

Nominating and Leadership Development

Chair, Caleb Hong

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
JoEllen Simmons	Rita Schuldt	Theresa Philosophos
Sandy Ward		Gwen Svoboda

Publicity Committee

Chair, Barb Hendrickson (2025)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Kathy Drechsel	JoEllen Simmons	Barb Hendrickson
		Kip Hendrickson

Safe Sanctuary Committee

Chair, Clyde Blanke (2024)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Sandy Ward	Clyde Blanke	Glenda Bayles
Kitty Chapple	Linda Bitzer	Kim Clifton

Emergency Response Team – Staff Parish rep., Lay Leader rep., Pastor,
Trustees rep., Director of Family Ministries, Safe Sanctuary chair

Special Needs Committee (Thankful Thursdays)

Coordinator, Elizabeth Whitcher (2023)

Dorothy Wertzbaugher, Sue Eade, Nancy Duracka, Genie Lang, Marla Smith, Lois Vaughn

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Chair, Bruce Person (2023)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Bruce Person	Beth Bryce	Reggie Ngorima
David Manchester	Marge Pantaleo	Chuck Svoboda
Molly Sharma	Cliff Eade	Fran Carmichael

Stewardship Committee

Chair, Chuck Svoboda (2023)

At-Large Member: Susan Heaton (2024)
Church Council Chair (Darren Massey)
Endowment Chair (Chosen by Committee)
Finance Chair (Lynn Low)
Trustee Chair (Chosen by Committee)
Financial Secretary (Sue Eade)
Lead Pastor (Caleb Hong)

Tee Up for Youth Committee

Coordinator(s), Sandy Ward & Linda Bitzer (2023)

Sandy Ward, Linda Bitzer, Kim Clifton, Kim O'Connor, Chris O'Connor, Cliff Eade,
Barry Barnett, Debbie DeLorenzo, Michelle Babics, Connor Powell

Trustee Committee

Chair, _____ (chosen by Committee)

2023

Randy Chapple
Karen Friker
Sandy Kucharski

2024

Phil Bitzer
John Kotal
Bruce Person

2025

Diane Lahti
Frank Broadhurst
Rich Jones

Mother's Garden: Peggy DeNormandie

Memorial Garden: _____

United Methodist Women Leadership Team (elected annually by UMW)

President: Donna Petersen

Vice President: Lynn Low

Treasurer: Lois White

Secretary: JoEllen Simmons

Circle Leaders:

Mary Circle – Dolores Genis

Eve Circle – Beth Bryce

Rachel Circle – Donna Petersen

Ruth Circle – Adrienne Hirsch

Web Team

Chair, Michelle Babics

2023

2024

Ed Kawczynski
Beth Kawczynski
Jim Dust

2025

Laura Cardinal

Photography – Ed Kawczynski (2023)

Worship Committee

Chair, Dorothy Wertzbaugher (2025)

Altar Decoration/Hanging Greens	Sue & Frank Roessler (2023)
Banner Coordinator(s)	Anne Manchester (2023), Beth Bryce (2023)
Baptism Steward	Joan Gruetzmacher (2023)
Choir Director	Rolf Moan
Communion Stewards	Glenda Bayles/Jackie Konidaris/Sally Puzon (2023)
Director of Music Ministry	Beth Ridderhoff
Greeter Coordinator	Linda Bitzer (2023)
Lay Worship Leader Coordinator	Jill Damrow (2025)
Liturgist Coordinator	_____ (2023)
Nursery Coordinator	Kathy Broadhurst (2023)
Puppet Ministry Coordinator	Bob Lazarz (2023)
Church Security Team	Jim Simmons (2023)
Usher Coordinator	9:00 a.m. – Mike Kubicki (2023) 11:00 a.m. – Ed Bayles (2023) & Mike Cox (2023)
Video Editing	Anna Hopper
Wedding Coordinator	Karen Friker
Welcome Center	_____ 9 AM (2023)/Theresa Philosophos 11 AM (2023)
Pastor	Rev. Caleb Hong
Director of AV	Michelle Babics

2022 Pastor's Report – Rev. Caleb Hong

There's an old saying, *"what doesn't kill you makes you stronger."* Friends, there are a lot of organizations (including churches) that closed their doors in recent years. The impact of the pandemic has been far and wide reaching. On top of the global pandemic, Faith faced additional challenges over the past year – namely with staff transitions.

In July 2021, Faith hired **Rev. Josh Bailey-Green** as our Director of AV & Web Ministries. We transitioned **Kim Clifton** to serve as the Director of Family Ministry (overseeing both Children & Youth ministries.) In August 2021, we hired **Dr. Jim Sandberg** as our Director of Congregational Care. We also transitioned **Beth Ridderhoff** to serve as the Director of Music Ministry (serving as the choir accompanist AND leading our RISE praise band.) In February 2022, we hired **Michelle Babics** as our Office Manager. With the resignation of **Rev. Josh Bailey-Green**, **Michelle Babics** transitioned to serve as the Director of AV/Administrative Assistant in August 2022. This led to another hiring process that led to **Sally Puzon** joining our staff team as the Office Manager. As I write this article at the end of September, **Miss Kim** announced her resignation after 9 years of ministry at Faith UMC. Faith is starting yet another hiring process.

Thank you to our **Staff Pastor Parish Committee** for your diligence and faithfulness. While the transitions have been numerous, the ongoing level of excellence in Faith's ministries speak volumes about our staff, SPPRC, and congregation. Thank you also to **Linda Bitzer**, who retired in February, but graciously made herself available to train our office staff throughout the year.

Here are some celebrations from 2022:

WORSHIP

One of this year's Worship highlights was the special performance by the Andrew High School Honor Choir and Luther College Nordic Choir. For years, I heard Rolf Moan, the Director of Chancel Choir, wish (out loud) that the Nordic Choir from his alma mater sing at Faith. In February 2022, Rolf's dream became reality as the 75+ member Nordic Choir (touring for the first time since the pandemic began) offered an incredible, soul-stirring performance at Faith.

A second highlight was the new members we received in 2022. In the past year, Faith received 13 new members. Back in April, we received 8 new members: Bill & Dee Nambo, Connor Powell, Mike Leglarz, Rick Duttan, Mike Huisjen, Bret Dohmayer, and Bob Hillegons. In September, we received 5 new members: Elizabeth Brice, Zach Jakubiak, Phyllis Klaiber, Jan Taylor & Ron Taylor. Note: 2 of our new members regularly worship with us on Saturday @ 4 PM. 7 of our new members regularly worship with us on Sunday @ 11 AM. As for Jan & Ron Taylor, they regularly worship with us via YouTube from Mississippi! Thank you to our fabulous New Member Coordinators, Nancy Clemenson & Gwen Svoboda.

EDUCATION

Faith continued to be faithful and flexible with our education ministry in 2022. Under the leadership of Kim Clifton, we offered Sunday School and creative fellowship programs (eg. Santa Drive Thru, Parking Lot Party) that connected with children and their families. Under the leadership of Kitty Chapple, Faith offered Small Groups (in the spring & fall), Bible Studies, and even Summer Coffee Breaks. We also resumed our Upper Room Ministry!

In March 2022, Faith offered the *"Navigating Healthcare Workshops"* in partnership with Kindred Hospice Care. This was a series of 5 stand-alone seminars for seniors (or those caring for seniors) in the community. Topics included: *"Home Health & Hospice 101"* and *"Senior Living Communities 101."*

Another highlight was the growing educational partnerships with sister UMCs. In September 2022, Faith UMC expanded our partnership with Palos UMC by offering a Confirmation Class for the Lake South District. The 2022-23 Confirmation Class consists of 4 confirmands from Faith UMC, 2 confirmands from Palos UMC, and 3 others from Maple Park UMC (Chicago) and Grace UMC (Park Forest). Additionally, Faith and Palos UMC continued to partner with The Bridge Teen Center to offer workshops (in the fall and spring) for teenagers in the community.

MISSION

In 2022, Faith supported our annual collections (eg. Operation Christmas Child & Angel Tree.) In addition, Faith hosted special collections for Children's Home and Aid, Ukraine Relief, and Elim Hope Packs. Thank you for your support of these (and other) collections throughout the year!

In 2022, Faith continued our support of the Micro-Food Pantry and the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest. At the start of the pandemic, our Mission Committee (under the leadership of Genie Lang) launched a Micro-Food Pantry right outside our church's main doors. We ensured that neighbors had access to food 24/7 without questions and without paperwork. Thank you to everyone who continues to stock our bins and help us care for our neighbors in need.

This past June, Genie and Gary Lang joined the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation for the ribbon cutting ceremony of their 65th Treasure Chest at the East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville, TN. This Treasure Chest was opened in honor of Faith UMC of Orland Park for our ongoing support of their foundation's work. Great job, Faith!

FELLOWSHIP

After a pandemic hiatus, Faith resumed many in-person fellowship activities in 2022! Under the leadership of Nancy Clemenson & Nancy Carver, our Fellowship Committee organized fun activities for children of all ages including: Pi Day (March), Casserole/Puzzle Fun (May), Church Picnic (July), and Chili Cookoff (Oct).

One of my fellowship highlights is the ongoing impact of the Witness to Fitness and Tai Chi ministries. Both of these ministries launched ten years ago under the leadership of Darryl Wertheim and Master Bill Grizzle. Three times a week, dozens of people from our congregation & local community gather for exercise and encouragement. Praise God for this positive and life-giving ministry!

One more note – I want to thank the Trustees for their renovation of our facilities, especially in 2022. Your work in the lobby and bathrooms have made our facilities look and feel fresh and inviting.

In closing, I want to thank our church's leaders, staff, and congregation for your prayers and perseverance. The past year(s) has been exhausting, but (in the words of Gloria Gaynor,) we have survived. Not only have we survived, but we continue to grow stronger week after week, month after month. I look forward to growing and serving with you in 2023!

Pastor Caleb



This profile will be on file with the District Superintendent to expedite the appointment process, if and when necessary. The form should be filled out by the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee annually.

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Faith UMC was established in 2008 as the merger of Orland Park UMC and Pathway UMC (merger of Oak Forest and Midlothian UMC). We moved into our current facility on Mother's Day 2010 and received new pastors in July 1, 2010.

Description of the congregation. (What brings it alive? Goals? How does the congregation feel about itself?) *

Faith UMC is a vital congregation with people, financial resources, and a heart for bringing people to Jesus Christ. Just as our merger was driven by laity, much of our ministries continues to be driven by laity. Their missional and evangelistic spirit drives our congregation.

What are your core values as a congregation?

Faith UMC is a church family dedicated to bringing people to Jesus Christ through Worship, Education, Mission, and Fellowship. We are a Christ-driven, People-oriented church.

What is the racial / ethnic / cultural diversity of the church and the community (who are your neighbors)? (Include positives and challenges) *

Orland Park and Oak Forest are predominantly Caucasian communities in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. Traditionally, this is a strongly Catholic community. Two active mosques worship in the community to serve the growing Muslim population. Faith is an active member of SWIFT (SouthWestInterFaithTeam), which fosters inter-faith dialogue and relationships between Jews, Christians (Protestants & Catholics), and Muslims.

What does the congregation need to accomplish in the next 5 years? *

Our strategic objectives are: 1 - nurture ministries with children & youth, 2 - deep discipleship, and 3 - broaden our missional impact by developing strong relationships with ministry partners.

In what ways do you envision the pastor helping the church reach these goals? *

The pastor & laity have a mutual and supportive relationship. The pastor's role is to offer leadership and help the congregation envision the future. Pastors serve as recruiters, encouragers, & empowers of laity.

In what ways do you envision the laity helping the church reach these goals? *

Laity are the driving force that carries on every aspect of our ministry.

How does your church make a difference in your community and the world? (be specific) *

Host quarterly Blood Drives

Host weekly exercise programs (free) for the community

Host senior health seminars for the community

Host numerous support groups & community gatherings (eg Voting)

Offer 24/7 Micro-Food Pantry

Offer Emergency Gift Cards for food/gas

Offer Emergency Funds for rent/utility assistance

What are your congregation's on-going needs, concerns, and opportunities?

Faith UMC experienced numerous staff transitions in 2021 and 2022 (see Pastor's Report). This includes the transition of our Associate Pastor position into specialized ministry positions. We have expanded our AV ministries/online ministry presence during the pandemic. We even redesigned our website. Faith is doing our best to re-introduce ministries (ie Taste of Faith & Upper Room & Thankful Thursday). We continue to adjust to the new "norm" of ministry today.

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Program Coordinator

The following is a list of the major responsibilities and accomplishments during the past year.

- Helped develop and coordinate an Intentional Discipleship System
- Met with and facilitated connection of new members
- Coordinated insurance claims and accident reports
- Served on Reopening Guidelines/Procedures committee
- Oversaw church calendar scheduling
- Presented "The Gift" workshop
- Coordinated "Navigating Health Care System" workshops
- Conducted background checks for Safe Sanctuary participants
- Liaison with Elim Christian School student workers
- Served as contact person for 12-step/outside groups using the church
- Keeper of the "keys"
- Nursery liaison
- Worked with church committees
- Kept congregation informed through Calling Post phone messages and text blasts
- Proofread *Faith Matters*
- Set up daily room assignments
- Custodian liaison
- Contact for building usage by outside groups
- Liaison to church safety committee
- Other tasks as assigned by pastor

Submitted by Sandra Ward



Northern Illinois Conference

The United Methodist Church

Recommendations and Reports to the Charge and Church Conference 2022

The annual reports of elders, deacons, diaconal ministers, and lay Servants, who relate to your local church, should be attached to this report. This information is supplied to enable the work of the appropriate district committees, conference boards, and the District Superintendent. Unless otherwise noted, references are the 2016 Book of Discipline. Please attach additional sheets to list additional names/information at the end of the report.

District *

Lake South

Church *

Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Name of person submitting report *

Caleb Hong

Email *

pastorcaleb@faithumcop.org

1. RECOMMENDATION BY WRITTEN BALLOT TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY AS A CANDIDATE FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY (310, 311.2E)

1. Recommendation by written ballot to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry (310) **NONE**

2. DEACONS & ELDERS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WHO RELATE TO THIS CHARGE CONFERENCE, RETIRED (357), HONORABLY LOCATED (358), APPOINTED IN EXTENSION MINISTRIES (344)

Type

Candidate for Ordained Ministry

Name

Jan Shaulis

211 N. Spring Street

Franklin Grove, IL 61031

708-717-3908

jgshaulis@yahoo.com

Remarks Pastor Jan Shaulis is a retired local pastor, who is appointed to serve Franklin Grove UMC since July 2021. We are her home church.

3. RECOMMENDED TO BEGIN OR RENEW AS CERTIFIED OR LOCAL CHURCH LAY SERVANTS (PARA. 268)

Type

☐

Lay Servant

Please Check One

☐

Certified (YES)

☐

Local

Name

☐

Bruce Person

15314 Oxford Dr.

Orland Park, IL 60462

William Zeitz

18356 Lenore Ln.

Tinley Park, IL 60487

Remarks Bruce Person has been a Certified Lay Servant since 2008.

In 2017, William Zeitz transferred membership to Faith. He began his process as a Certified Lay Servant in 2014.

Safe Sanctuary 2022

"Children are our present, our hope, our teachers, our inspiration. They are full participants in the life of the church and in the realm of God." (from Safe Sanctuaries-Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in the Church, by Joy Melton)

"God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong."

Tragically, churches have not always been safe places for children. Child sexual abuse occurs in churches, both large and small, urban and rural, cutting across all economic, cultural and racial lines. It is real, and appears to be increasing."(from the Book of Resolution of the U.M.C – 2000)

The object of our Safe Sanctuary Committee is to have adults working directly with children to be Safe Sanctuary trained and to make our church facilities safe for activities of children and youth and their adult leaders.

Trainees have included new staff members as well as mission trip volunteers, VBS workers, program leaders and coaches.

The ushers have been Safe Sanctuary trained and act as "roamers", covering the building during Sunday School, VBS, Bitty Basketball and other activities. We are continuing to place more emphasis on "roamers". The Safe Sanctuary Committee has provided more safety and security for our children.

News from the Safe Sanctuary Committee

Church should be a community of faith where everyone feels secure in the abiding love of God. Sadly, some congregations have fallen short of this goal and failed to keep children safe from abuse and exploitation. In response to this, Faith U.M.C. has implemented a Safe Sanctuary policy, to make our congregation a safe place for children, youth and vulnerable adults. In addition to reducing the risk of sexual abuse, this policy also protects our staff and volunteers from potential allegations of abuse.

In order to be a Safe Sanctuary approved volunteer, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Complete an application & attend Safe Sanctuary training
- Pass a background check

As of 2021, Safe sanctuary trained adults must renew their training every three years. This year we have had a number sessions where members renewed their training as well as a number of new members and other adults receiving the training. Thanks to those who took part!

Faith UMC must meet Safe Sanctuary requirements before being allowed to work directly with youth.

For activities involving children, 2 or more Safe Sanctuary trained adults, who are not related, must be present at all times. This is called the "Two Adult Rule". Guests and youth (under 18 years of age) may serve as helpers; however, 2 or more Safe Sanctuary approved adults must be present. All activities should occur in open view. In some circumstances, the 2nd adult may be a Safe Sanctuary approved person as a roamer; walking from room to room observing activities.

In case of alleged or suspected abuse, the Safe Sanctuary policy details response criteria. An emergency response team takes immediate action to determine the necessary steps to be taken to resolve the situations, such as; communication with the family, contacting authorities and communicating with the media.

If you would like to be a Safe sanctuary approved volunteer or have any questions, you are welcome to contact the Safe sanctuary committee; Clyde Blanke, Glenda Bayles, Linda Bitzer, Kitty Chapple, Sandy Ward or call the church office at 708-444-8560.

Clyde Blanke, Chair

2022 Annual Report for the Staff Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC began its year by offering the Office Manager position to Michelle Babics. Our retiring Office Manager, Linda Bitzer was gracious enough to train Michelle as to the duties of this position.

Representatives from the SPRC and the Trustees met to better define the duties of the custodian position. A comprehensive check list was developed to clearly spell out the responsibilities for this job description.

The SPRC team compiled and submitted the Conference Clergy Evaluation forms for 2022 in May of this year. Pastor Caleb received the highest grades available in all 12 Dimensions of Ministries categories.

Our AV Director, Pastor Josh Bailey-Green, tendered his resignation effective August 1st. The SPRC family celebrated and affirmed Pastor Josh's contribution to streamlining and organizing this newly-developed position in our church's leadership team. Our church family wished Josh and his family Godspeed as he pursues his doctorate at Southern Methodist University.

An interview committee was formed with the task of posting and researching candidates to fill the AV Director position. After exploring different options, the interview team established a hybrid position combining the AV Director position with some of the duties of the Office Manager. Michelle Babics was offered this newly created combined position of AV Director and Office Assistant with an effective start date of August 1st.

With the promotion of Michelle Babics to AV Director/Office Assistant, our church staff was left with a vacancy at Office Manager. After an exhaustive search, SPRC offered the modified Office Manager position to Sally Puzon, effective September 1st. Our church is indeed fortunate to have such a qualified person to fill this new role.

Sadly, our Family Ministry Director resigned her position effective January 1, 2023. Kim Clifton has served our church faithfully for over 9 years and has been a beacon of light to our youth and children. Faith has been extremely blessed by Kim's passionate and tireless commitment. Our committee heartily affirms and celebrates Kim's influence on our church family.

The SPRC team would like to acknowledge and rejoice in the ministry of our long tenured Pastor, Caleb Hong. Our church is blessed to have such a qualified and committed shepherd to lead and inspire our church family to fulfill the mission of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce D. Person

Chairperson Staff Parish Relations Committee



Clergy Compensation Report with a Parsonage

Northern Illinois Annual Conference Clergy Compensation Report for Clergy Provided a parsonage. Please complete this form for each clergy person under episcopal appointment. **Please round up to the nearest dollar. NO decimals or letters or symbols.**

[Download the clergy compensation explanation sheet.](#)

*indicates a required field (if this field is not filled in, an error message will appear after hitting submit and required fields will appear in red)

District *
Lake South

Church *
Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Email of person filling out form *
pastorcaleb@faithumcop.org

Clergy Person *
Caleb Hong

Effective Compensation Beginning Date *
Jan 1 2023

Clergy Compensation

This section determines:

1. Total cash to be paid to clergy
2. Taxable and non-taxable elements of total cash.
3. Compensation used by Wespeth to determine the benefit amount and cost of annual and monthly contributions to the Clergy Retirement Security Program Plan (CRSP) and Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP).
4. Cash amount for payroll

1. Annual Base Cash Salary includes housing exclusion + deductions to UMPIP, FSA or HSA **
\$76,062

2. Housing Exclusion: IRC Code 107 (Amount included in base cash salary identified as housing expense and not taxable to clergy. Clergy are responsible for reporting these non-taxable expenditures.) *
\$3000

3. Accountable Reimbursement (Cash provided by church and accounted for by clergy for ministerial expenses such as travel, books, and continuing education. Accountable reimbursement money is not taxable to clergy) *
\$5000

4. Other Cash: Dues, Additional Benefits, etc (Cash provided that is taxable to clergy.) *

The 4-other-cash-dues-additional-benefits-etc-cash-pro-339 field is required.

5. Other Cash (Medical Allowance if medical insurance is not provided by the Conference)

6. Other Cash: SECA (Self-employment, Social Security, and Medicare tax.) Clergy are responsible to pay 15.3% of their compensation including parsonage or housing allowance. Sometimes, churches choose to pay one-half of that amount.) *

The 6-other-cash-seca-self-employment-social-security--338 field is required.

7. Other Cash Total *
0.00

8. Parsonage = Base Salary (1) + Other Cash (4) + Other Cash (6) x .25 Does not include cash for medical individual insurance (5) *

19,015.50

9. Personal Deductions, if any to UMPIP, FSA, HSA (This can be provided at a later date if the pastor has not made a decision concerning deferrals.) *

13,500

Taxable/Nontaxable Compensation

10. Clergy Taxable Compensation *

59,562.00

11. Clergy Non-Taxable Compensation *

40,515.50

12. Total Clergy Compensation *

100,077.50

13. Total cash payroll to clergy (Does not include amount allocated to accountable reimbursements) *

76,062.00

Wespath Compensation and Contributions

Total Compensation (12) - Reimbursement (3) - Medical Cash (5)

[Refer to eligibility requirements](#)

14a. Is this person eligible for pension and CPP? (If no, disregard Wespath Compensation and Contributions) *

Yes

14. Wespath Compensation *

95,077.50

CRSP Contribution (13% of Wespath Compensation) *

12,360.08

CRSP Contribution Monthly

1,030.01

CPP Contribution: 3% of Wespath Compensation *

2,852.33

CPP Contribution Monthly *

237.69

Signatures

This form is required to have at least two complete signatures. To secure all signatures, please select Save and Continue Later. You will be given a link to share with the other personnel needing to sign. The last person signing this form can then hit submit. The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chair should attempt to have all church signatures prior to or at the time of Charge Conference.

E Signature of Clergy *

Caleb Hong

E Signature of District Superintendent *

The e-signature-of-district-superintendent-359 field is required.

Stewardship 2022

The Stewardship Committee has designated 10/22 & 10/23 as Stewardship Weekend. Once again, we have not set a dollar goal but have asked members to increase their pledges for next year in anticipation of increased expenses.

Beginning 10/8, we will have a testimonial from a church member for each service. In addition, there will be 3 short videos. Video 1) Lynn Low and Greg Bradach will give an overview of Church's General Fund. Video 2) Randy Chapple and Greg will discuss the Maintain Faith status. Video 3) Dianne Barnett is putting a video together highlighting some of the church's activities during the year. Rolf Moan is preparing special music for each week.

A letter and pledge cards were mailed out to members at end of September and as of 10/9 we have received several cards already. Later we will be sending a thank you to members who have pledged and ask that they verify their pledge amounts.

Tee Up for Youth 2022

After a 2-year pause, we held our Tee Up for Youth golf outing, dinner & silent auction on 8/21/22. We had 36 golfers, 92 people at dinner & 106 auction items. We had 54 businesses & 45 individuals or committees that either made monetary donations or donated items for the silent auction. Everyone who attended had a lot of fun. Our profits totaled \$15,430.97!! A big thank you to all for your support support.

Submitted by,
Linda Bitzer & Sandy Ward, Chairs

Trustees Report

2022

Entering 2022 we began to see an easing of the restrictions that had been in place due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Trustees were once again able to meet as a group, on premises, and make needed arrangements for the upkeep of the church property. One of our main focuses was to be sure to keep the building as safe and sanitized as possible to assure the safety and well being of our congregation. Steps were taken to make sure all areas were cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.

The following are the main undertaking of the Trustees during 2022:

- We completed the upgrade to the building fire alarm system. This will insure that the entire building is monitored and covered in the case of any fire emergency. This also keeps us in compliance with the standards required by the Orland Park Fire Department.
- A completed upgrade and redecorating have been done in the church Narthex. This has included fresh paint and new furniture. A new coffee station has been created to invite attendees to relax in the new seating areas created during the remodel. All changes were made to provide the Narthex area with a much more updated and appealing appearance.
- The Trustees have completed the upgrade to LED lighting in all lighting fixtures. This is true for both all fixtures inside the building and all outside lighting as well. By making this change we should see a significant savings on our electric bill.
- To avoid the large expenditure to replace the flat portion of our roof we contracted with a company to locate and seal any leaks we had/have. We are hoping that this will delay the replacement of the flat roof by at least a year or two.

As we move into 2023 the Trustees will continue to look for areas we can improve within the church. There is always the possibility of unexpected repairs to the building going forward. However, with the outstanding generosity we continue to receive from the congregation, in support of the Maintain Faith Fund, we will do our best to assure the building will continue to be a welcoming facility for all who enter.

On behalf of the dedicated Trustee team, I wish everyone a great 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip Bitzer – Trustee Chair

**Trustee's Report 2022**

Additional reports should be made as requested by the Charge Conference or Church Council or equivalent. Numbers in parentheses refer to paragraphs in the 2016 Book of Discipline.

District *
Lake South

Church *
Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Email *
philip.blitzer@att.net

Name of person submitting report
Philip Dana Blitzer

1. Please list the names of the church's trustees (no less than three and up to nine) with the effective date and term expiration. Please separate by commas.

Philip Blitzer 2024, Bruce Person 2024, Sandy Kucharski 2024, Diane Lahti 2022, John Kotai 2022, Rich Jones 2022, Randy Chapple 2023, Karen Friker 2023, Frank Broadhurst 2023

2. Is the local church incorporated (para. 2529.1a)? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

3. List address, name on title and type of property owned by the church and church-related entities.

Church Buildings (please list name on title and address)
Church Lot 13 In Silver Lake Garden Unit #1 Cook County, IL
Catholic Cemetery 8-11 Church Lot #3 in Autumn Leaves, Cook County, IL

Parsonage 1 name on title and address (if the church doesn't own one please indicate that)
Parsonage Maycliff Silver Lake #3

Parsonage 2 (if applicable please list name on title and address)

Other property i.e. ministry center (please list name on title and address)

3a. Does the church own any other property that is under another name besides the church? If so, please list name on title and address.

3b. Who is the custodian of deeds and other legal papers? *

Trustees

3c. Where are they kept? *

Fireproof Safe in church office

4. Does each deed contain trust clause (para. 2503)? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

5. What are the three most urgent building matters that your congregation is facing?

1. Replacement of flat roof
2. Replacement of balance of parking lot
3. Repair to ceiling of outside drive portico

6. Do you have a long-term plan for the replacement of facilities and equipment as they deteriorate? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Insurance

7. Does your church carry the NIC-wide property and liability insurance? If yes, skip to question 7b. If no, continue to 7a. *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

7a. If your church has been waived from the mandatory coverage in the Northern Illinois Conference program, please upload a Certificate of Insurance from your insurance broker. Be sure the "Northern Illinois Conference" is listed as an additional insured.

Attach Certificate of Insurance
Drop files here to upload

7b. Have you assessed the replacement value within the last 5 years? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

7c. Who performed the assessment?

Insurance Agent

7d. Is the amount of insurance adequate? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

7e. Have the buildings been inspected for fire and other safety hazards within the past year? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

8a. Has an annual accessibility audit for church properties been conducted? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

8b. If needed, have you developed an accessibility plan? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

9. Has the pastor and other leaders in the church charged with the supervision of children, youth, and other vulnerable adults completed Safe Gatherings training? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

10. Provide a detailed list of income-producing permanent funds. Please provide for each fund - 1) Name of Fund or Fund Category i.e. Memorials 2) Where it is held/invested 3) End of year balance 4) How fund is to be used 5) Is the fund restricted by donor, designated by church action or undesignated? *

None

Upload file if need more room. Please put the name of your church and the form title at the top of the document.
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11a. Please list any organization legally related to the local church.

11b. Are certificates of insurance required by long-term users of the building? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

E-signature Chair of Trustees

Philip D. Bitzer

Date

September 26, 2022

**Parsonage Report 2022**

2016 Disciplinary paragraph 2533.4, "The chairperson of the board of trustees or the chairperson of the parsonage committee, if one exists, the chairperson of the committee on staff parish relations, and the pastor shall make an annual review of the church-owned parsonage to ensure proper maintenance."

District *
Lake South

Church *
Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Name of person submitting report *

Email of person submitting report *

Philip Bitzer

philip.bitzer@att.net

This parsonage is presently used by:

- ☐ Senior Pastor
☐ Associate Pastor
☐ Rental
☒ Other

Address of Parsonage *

City

8549 W. 144th Place

Orland Park

State
Illinois

Zip

60462

Inspection of Parsonage

Date of Annual Inspection *

September 12, 2022

By signing below, you are saying you were present for the inspection.

E-Signature of Pastor (type First and Last Name) *

Caleb Hong

☒ By checking this box you verify your signature.

E-Signature of Chair of Trustees Committee (type first and last name) *

Philip Bitzer

☒ By checking this box you verify this is your signature

E-Signature of Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee (type first and last name) *

Bruce Person

☒ By checking this box you verify your signature.

Age of House *

Date Purchase by Church

58

1975

Purchase Price/Cost

Remaining Debt

\$80,000

-0-

In one paragraph, give a "real estate" listing of the house: Number of bedrooms, other rooms by name or function, fireplace, study, basement condition, air conditioning, garage, landscaping, etc. *

Three bedroom, two bath, brick and frame ranch. Includes living room, dinning room, kitchen, family room, den, utility room and attached two car garage.

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being inadequate, 10 being ideal) rate the following features of the parsonage.

Rate the size of home in general

9

Rate the size of living room for entertaining

8

Is the floor plan conducive for both church-related use and family privacy?

9

Rate Bedroom 1 condition

9

Rate Bedroom 1 size

9

Rate Bedroom 2 condition

9

Rate Bedroom 2 size

8

Rate Bedroom 3 condition

9

Rate Bedroom 3 size

6

Rate Bedroom 4 condition

Rate Bedroom 4 size

Rate Kitchen condition

9

Rate Kitchen size

8

Please list age of appliances and any other comments

All appliances are relatively new and in good working condition.

Rate Bathroom 1 size

8

Rate Bathroom 1 condition

9

Rate Bathroom 2 size

7

Rate Bathroom 2 condition

8

Please list condition of plumbing and any other comments

Plumbing is in good working order.

Rate Laundry Appliances

6

Rate Interior decorating (drapes, carpets, painting)

8

Rate Exterior decorating

8

Comments

The house has been well maintained and is in good living condition.

Rate Room for study/counseling

9

Who is the contact person for emergency needs? *

Philip Bitzer

Are there working smoke detectors?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Are there working carbon monoxide detectors?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Who determines annual parsonage repairs and improvements?

Trustees

When were the last updates made to the parsonage (maintenance and remodeling?)

Maintenance of the house is on an ongoing basis as required. The interior and exterior are both in good condition and are well maintained.

What is the current church budget figure for parsonage maintenance/repairs, excluding utilities

\$1,500

Present maintenance needs for this parsonage include: (e.g., inadequate wiring, wet basement, worn carpets, failing appliances, garage or driveway problems, other conditions).

At this time there are no scheduled maintenance projects.

What maintenance is planned for next year?

Maintenance is handled as required at the house. Only items anticipated would be replacement of the washer and/or dryer.

In the event a member of the parsonage family becomes disabled or has a disability, in what ways would the house need to be modified?
The house is a ground level ranch on a crawl space so all that would be required would be a slight ramp for the front door entry.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2022 United Methodist Men Report

Charge Conference

(Report as of September 30, 2022)

The goal of the Men of Faith UMC of Orland Park since the 2021 report was to provide men of the church with fellowship, spiritual growth & men's ministry opportunities to support the purpose of the United Methodist Men & Promise Keepers. (Our effort toward achieving this goal was significantly hampered by restrictions put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.) This report covers the period from November 2021 thru September 2022.

The above purpose was met through the following events and activities:

- Sunrise Breakfasts: 10 meetings, average attendance: 6 men
- Promise Keepers' Breakfasts: 11 meetings, average attendance: 5 men
- Quarterly Meetings: 1 meeting, attendance: 5 men
- Northern Illinois Conference Annual Meeting (3/12/22) in Rockford. Two men attended.
- Lake South District UMM Monthly Meetings:
 - Two meetings via Zoom. Two men attended each.
 - Seven in-person meetings were held at various locations in the district. Average attendance was two men. Men of Faith hosted the February meeting. Eight members of Men of Faith attended.
 - The annual Monday Night Bible Study celebration dinner was held 8/13 in Hammond, IN. Two men and their wives attended.

Financial Activities: 2022 (as of 9/30/22): Current balance: \$703.28

Income:

Lake South District/Pastor Hong Donation	\$100.00
Men of Faith breakfast free will offerings:	\$133.00
Promise Keepers breakfast free will offerings	\$100.00
Total Income	\$333.00

Outgo:

Breakfast reimbursements	\$ 22.21
New Lenox UMM Potato Drop Donation	\$250.00
EMS Dues	\$315.00
Memorials (\$50 per person)(Motzer)	\$ 50.00
Admin Expenses	\$ 83.00
Total Expenses	\$720.21

NOTE: In addition to the various meetings and conferences canceled due to the pandemic, the following activities were scheduled and planned, but were canceled:

Men of Faith United Methodist Men Recognition Day Concert and Spaghetti Dinner

Veterans Day Sunday Pancake Breakfast (normally co-hosted by UMM and Veterans Voices.)

Faith United Methodist Women

The organization of the United Methodist Women as undergone some changes in 2022. The name of the organization has been changed to *United Women in Faith*. Much of the district and national programing is being tweaked and refocused to attract and appeal to younger women.

Here at Faith, we not only have the larger organization as a group, but also have 4 smaller groups or Circles; Mary Circle, Rachel Circle, Eve Circle, and Ruth Circle. Though there are now age restrictions, by and large, most of the ladies in Eve and Ruth Circle are by and large younger than the members of Mary and Rachel Circles. Interestingly, these younger ladies meetings and projects tend to be different than Rachel and Mary's circles. Their meeting styles are very relaxed and often their programs and projects are very concrete and hands on, such as collecting underwear or shoes for a charity, with little fuss. Our Mary Circle and Eve Circle support one another and many social projects in the community and around the church. Recently, our Mary Circle began meeting again for a monthly luncheon and face to face meeting. They are a wonderful support system for one another. They also are sponsors and supporter of My Joyful Heart. They have adopted a child from that program for school children, and make sure "he" gets birthday gifts, special supplies and contact from the group. Rachel Circle will begin meeting in the near future, at that time we will meet to see what direction our members would like to take. We did serve as hostesses for taste of a week or two ago.

Our full UMW and a few men created a fabulous Cookbook entitled, Our Faith Family Recipes. It has been very well received. It was chock-full-of delicious recipes.

Oct. 1st we had our 1st post-COVID meeting, It was entitled Igniting Women's Fellowship. We had a delicious breakfast, heard the beautiful story of Ruth, Naomi and Orpha. We shared our Thank Offering and posted what we are thankful on a beautiful computer generate Phoenix!

As we discussed Igniting Women's Fellowship, we spent some time at our tables getting to know something about each other; having a few laughs, talking, share and exploring ideas of what and where we'd like to see our group go.

Everyone left having new excitement about our local UMW and the possibilities, for growth, service and fellowship.

N November we will have our 1st fund raiser for 2022. It will be a huge Bake Sale held in the Church lobby during the Quilters Show in our Fellowship Hall. We will have baked goods and treats pf every shape and size for sale.

In the past we have served a luncheon. This year we will have a few tables set up and some and tea available if you'd lit to sit, visit and enjoy some of your treats right away. This bake sale will be a time when we can all work together and enjoy!

Donna Petersen - UMW President

WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT

to

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH CONFERENCE 2022

The Website committee continues to focus on producing and maintaining a website which delivers the mission statement of Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park. The information provided on the site will be designed to attract new people throughout the community who are looking for a church home. In addition, the site will be updated as a resource for current church members and their families, providing timely, accurate and appealing information to all who view it.

THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Michelle Babics – Chairperson/Director of AV & Web Ministries

Ed Kawczynski – Photographer

Beth Kawczynski – Announcement Coordinator / Photo Archivist &
Image Webmaster

Laura Cardinal – Website Critic / Proofreader

- ❖ The website address: www.faithumcop.org.
- ❖ The new website went live in April.
- ❖ The website consists of 5 main menu categories with 15 subcategories.
- ❖ The weekly sermon video is added to the website in a timely manner.
- ❖ Links are provided for each weekly 9 AM service.
- ❖ Photos were taken for baptisms, new church members, weddings, individual fellowship events, and confirmation class.
- ❖ We continue to manage Faith's email accounts and domain.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We would like to thank Pastor Josh Bailey-Green as he continues to support and train Michelle in new areas in relation to the website.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Babics, Website Committee Chairperson



WORSHIP COMMITTEE 2022 REPORT TO CHURCH CONFERENCE

Faith conducted in-person worship this calendar year. With adjusted recommendations for mitigations related to Covid-19, wearing masks for congregants and choirs are optional. We have eliminated registration for attendance and have returned to many of our pre-Covid practices.

- We continue offering live-stream services at 9:00 a.m. Sundays.
- Faith has diligently continued to develop and support our online ministry.
 - We have added a couple of volunteers to our AV team.
 - We upgraded our cable service to increase the upstream which alleviated some ongoing technology issues.
 - We have expanded live-streaming to include baptisms, concerts, church services, and weddings. Portions of the recorded baptisms are included in the following week's service so the congregation can participate.
 - We are revamping the website so that the content is organized under the 4 points of our mission statement: Worship, Education, Mission, and Fellowship.
- Early in the year, we suspended nursery care for 4:00 p.m. Saturday service. We will re-visit if there is a need in the future. In general, we are seeing an increase in the number of children who are attending our services.
- During Advent, members participated in Hanging of the Greens. We offered a pre-recorded Christmas Eve service. Over 250 people attended Christmas Eve for the 3 services.
- Easter Season
 - Maundy Thursday service was a traditional service and Good Friday was Tenebrae service.
 - We offered 4 Easter services: Saturday service and 3 on Sunday: Sunrise service in parking lot, 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.
 - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday services were live-streamed.
- We offered flowers to women in the church for Mother's Day and tire pressure gauges for men for Father's Day.
- The church's recent Ministry Fair has helped educate our congregation about options for connecting/reconnecting to our church, and we hope to add more volunteers to our lists.
- We have piloted a return of going to the altar to receive communion. We resumed this process in October. We continue using pre-packaged communion elements.
- Puppet Ministry continues to offer live presentations.
- We have increased our cadre of Lay Worship Leaders to present opening words, prayers of the people, and offering/announcements at all three services.
- When our Director of AV left to pursue an advanced degree, Michelle Babics was hired in August to fill that position. She also works in the church office 2 days/week.
- We continue offering live music at all services. This includes congregational hymns, Faith Rising Band, and Chancel Choir. Consistent with our church and state guidelines, mask-wearing is optional for musicians.
- Our liturgy readings continue to be recorded or delivered live.
- Our committee created a basket for the silent auction portion of our Tee Up for Youth fundraiser.
- We have 3 new banners for our sanctuary: patriotic banner purchased by the Eve Circle and used at our Memorial Day service. Two additional banners will be used at Thanksgiving.
- A number of volunteers, both members and other volunteers outside our congregation, continue to fulfill a wide range of roles that support our church so we can offer a meaningful worship experience that has been delivered both virtually and in-person. We are so thankful for their service to our congregation and to the greater community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kubicki
Worship Chair

2022 Charge Conference – Pastor Jan Shaulis

Now that I have been at this appointment for over a year, I have been able to really connect with both the people and the community. As I am serving these two churches, Franklin Grove and Ashton UMC as a “Rural Pastor” I can truly see the needs of these people. I am pleased to see Ashton’s congregation being willing to move outside their doors to reach the community; truly seeing their hard work is such a joy.

We were able to do another “Worship at the Park” this year as well as a combined, “Worship at the Gazebo.” Both events were well attended, and the picnic style potluck afterwards was wonderful. It was so great to see everyone talking and laughing together. So many people are requesting more events like this.

I still enjoy visiting those who are sick, either in the hospital, care centers, or in their own homes and have really gotten to know people by spending time with them.

Sadly, I have done several funerals including one for a 15-year-old young man who was killed in an accident. He and his family are very well known in the community; the wake was more than 1000 people and had to be held in the school gym; the funeral was more than 400 people (standing room only in the church). The community is still struggling with his death. We have had a prayer vigil, lantern release, counseling, and are now planning for a Blue Christmas.

I have been able to go to football games, basketball games, FFA (Future Farmers of America) events and the graduation of the students from my churches. By being at the games and events, I am able not only to support the students but also meet their families and others in the community. I make balloon animals for the little ones at these events, which makes them very happy. I believe it is important to be where my congregation is on days other than Sunday.

I was asked to be the speaker at the Veteran’s Day celebration, which was attended by all the students from both the Jr. High School as well as the High School, community members and Veterans. As well as the Memorial Day community service.

We have had many Bible Studies, some in the daytime and others in the evening. The daytime study also included a light lunch before the study. We have just started a 10-week Advent study; it too is offered during the day with lunch included. We are using the book “The Characters of Christmas” by Daniel Darling.

I look forward to all the wonderful things that both of these churches will be doing in the coming years.

Prayerfully Submitted; *Pastor Jan Shaulis*