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**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
March 10, 2019
6:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened March 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from 2 Corinthians 2; 14-15 and Upper Room of 1/11/19. Minutes from the November 4, 2018 Council meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report given by Carol Martig

Carol Martig provided copies of the 2018 Audit Report and 2018 Apportionments Report, showing 100% of our apportionments paid. Also included, a copy of a letter from Killingsworth thanking Bethel UMC for our \$400.00 donation and the statement from First Citizens Bank on the church's CD, with \$45.00 interest earned for last year.

Carol also reported that the Bethel UMC Outreach Fund provided \$7679.00 in 2018 helping with community needs.

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by John Glass

What a lesson for us by Britton Bruerton to invite her family and friends to church for her birthday, almost doubling our worship attendance. This was a good reminder for us to look for opportunities to invite friends and family to church. We have upcoming opportunities for our movie night and the revival we are planning.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for Sunday School since the first of the year has been 11.7 and we have averaged 33 for Sunday Worship hour.

Worship Committee Report

No official report. It was noted that we are preparing for the Easter Sunday worship and breakfast. Also, we are planning an Easter Egg Hunt following breakfast on Easter Sunday.

PPRC Report given by Ben Hornsby

The PPRC met in January and had a positive and good meeting with Pastor Jim. We discussed going back to singing some older hymns.

Trustees Report given by Al Martig

The Trustees did a walk through in parsonage and church and found no major repairs are needed at this time. Building an outdoor pit for future cookouts was also discussed.

Will make call to have church grounds cleaned. Melinda Truesdale plans to clean around the sound equipment. Harry James Beckham will look into a possible problem with the parsonage heat pump and

solutions to the high electric bills at the parsonage.

Barbara Martin recently found the original deed to the Church and gave it to Ben Hornsby.

The security list has been updated and Arthur has been added.

The trustees recommended the purchase of pre-pay gas for the heating system.

John plans to clean the church sign.

Organizations and Work Groups

Missions and FAN Report given by Joey Beckham

Joey Beckham and Kim Hall have discussed having a spring yard sale. The Council voted in favor of having a yard sale at a date to be decided for sometime in May.

There is a FAN meeting planned on March 26, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Fairfield Central High School Career Center.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to the sick and shut-ins. She needs birthday cards if anyone has any to donate. A total of 35 Good Samaritan Christmas boxes were donated by Bethel and Monticello United Methodist Churches.

United Methodist Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

Attendance has been low and Melinda encouraged more participation. A movie night is planned for March 29 at 6:30 and will be pot luck. Donations will be accepted for Bethel's Outreach Fund.

We are planning a Couples Shower for Pastor Jim and Kendall with the date still to be determined.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Meeting as usual and encourage participation. Lewis thanked those who helped with trash pickup last Saturday. The next pickup date will be June 1.

Trinity Bible Fellowship report given by Huley Perry

Still going well.

Mature Years report given by Huley Perry

Started back up last month and having good participation. A speaker from the Council on Aging will be coming for this month's meeting.

Covenant Prayer report given by Doris Leitner

We are continuing to meet on a monthly basis and receive weekly requests from the Upper Room. We will be sending cards to members on a bi-monthly basis, but will continue to send cards monthly to non-members on our prayer list and those in traumatic situations.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Jim

Our Charge Conference went well. The Bible Study was completed in December. The new Disciple Bible study was restarted this past week. Cedar Creek Baptist Church performed a Christmas Cantata at Bethel on December 23rd. The Christmas Eve Service went well. Pastor Jim will be attending a Clergy Meeting on January 8th.

Pastor Jim is sending Pastor Rudy Barnes a thank you note for filling in for him while he was ill. Pastor Jim also thanked Joey Beckham and Huley Perry for filling in for him on two of the Sundays he was unable to be here.

On March 27th, there will be a meeting at Blythewood House of Pizza to discuss preparations for a revival we are planning for June 9-12th. Church members are invited to attend to help plan the details. Monticello, Bethel, Oak Grove, Beulah, and Mount Zion UM Churches are planning to participate with the revival to be held at Beulah UMC.

Old Business

John gave a report on the just concluded Special General Conference Meeting. The Traditional Plan was approved after acrimonious debate, with an effective date of January 1, 2020.

New Business

Trustees are looking into internet services from Frontier for the Church. Pastor Jim has had them install internet service at the parsonage.

The next Administrative Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for June 2nd at 6:00 PM.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
June 23, 2019
6:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened June 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from Galatians 6:9 and the Upper Room dated 6/10/2019. Minutes from the March 10, 2019 Council Meeting and Special Administrative Council Meeting dated May 26, 2019 were read and approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report given by Carol Martig

Carol provided copies of the Financial Report for 2019. Carol informed Council that at the beginning of the year there was \$2,859.28 in the Community Outreach Fund and a total of \$1,549.28 remaining.

Insurance on the church went up by \$508.00. Bethel UMC is doing well financially. Mid State Heating and Air was paid half of the \$5,600 cost of the repair on the parsonage AC and the rest will be paid when the work is completed. Monticello UMC has agreed to pay a third of the cost with budgeted repair funds and donations to cover the balance.

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by John Glass

We had a wonderful revival at Beulah UMC, with outstanding messages from all four ministers. Thank you to all who helped with planning and all the work during and after revival. Total donations of \$2,088.00 were received during the revival, which will be split equally between the Epworth Children's Home, Fairfield County Food Bank, and the Blythewood Christian Assistance Bridge.

Educational Report given by Doris Leitner

The average attendance for Sunday School this quarter averaged 11.42, with a high of 15 one Sunday. Worship attendance was up by three with an average of 36.43. We had 62 in attendance Easter Sunday and one other Sunday.

Worship Committee Report given by Annette Bruroton

No changes. Everything is going well.

PPRC Report given by Ben Hornsby

No recent meeting to report on. Everything is going well.

Trustees Report given by Al Martig

Discussed construction on fire pit--project will start in the fall with cooler weather. A walk through of the Church and Fellowship Hall was performed with repairs and maintenance issues identified to be addressed as noted in the attached Trustees report. The original deed to the Church has been located and is dated 1854.

Organizations and Work Groups

Missions and FAN Report given by Joey Beckham

No report.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to the sick and shut-ins.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Good meetings and participation. Cookout has been scheduled for Saturday, August 17th at 5:00. Ramp was built for William Bundrick. Our quarterly trash pick up was held on June 1st.

We had a cookout for Salkehatchie in Jenkinsville, with grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, and desserts served for 40 people.

United Methodist Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

No meetings in July and August, will resume in September (2nd Monday). UMW will be helping with the community cookout by providing drinks and desserts. We provided drinks and desserts for Salkehatchie in Jenkinsville. We will also be providing lunch with the Nazarene Church for the Fairfield Salkehatchie Camp on July 17.

Trinity Bible Fellowship report given by Huley Perry

Huley is taking a break so that he can take care of Sherrill. Will make a decision at a later date when he can start back.

Mature Years report given by Huley Perry

Has been going well. Will start back up in September. George Glass will play guitar and sing.

Covenant Prayer report given by Doris Leitner

We continue to receive prayer requests from the Upper Room on a weekly basis and prayer requests from others on a daily or as needed basis. Our group is not meeting in June or July. We will resume monthly meetings in August and will resume mailing cards at that time.

Pastor's Report given by Jim Rogers

Performed the funeral for Ernestine Teena Mann Adams who passed away at 62 on March 30th. Visited Stephen Keller while he was in the hospital and William Bundrick during the passing of his dog. Preached during Holy Week at First UMC in Winnsboro on Maundy Thursday. Held Good Friday Service and Easter Service. List of all Pastor's activities is attached.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Next Administrative Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
September 15, 2019
6:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened September 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from Acts 2:42-47 and Upper Room dated 9/1/2019. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last council meeting of June 23, 2019 as presented to the Council Members. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Carol Martig

Carol Martig provided copies of the Financial Report and proposed 2020 Budget and Apportionment's. Bethel has met 80% of apportionments for 2019, but we will pay 100% by the end of the year. There were a few adjustments to the proposed Budget. The 2020 Budget was approved as amended by the council. Carol also provided a copy of the last bank statement for review.

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by John Glass

We had a great day of fellowship and outreach at the community cookout. Thanks to all who helped in making this such a great success. Most felt this was the largest attended cookout we have ever had for this annual event.

Education Report

No report.

Worship Committee Report given by Annette Bruorton

Everything going great – no problems.

PPRC Report given by Ben Hornsby

Will be meeting later in this month. The Historical Society wants to put flags on all military graves for Veterans Day. Ben is working to make sure all names are accounted for.

Trustees Report given by Al Martig

Security adequate – no changes recommended at this time. The church sign has been cleaned. Motion was made and Council approved for Bethel to ask for \$1500 from Monticello to help with cost of the HVAC replacement at the parsonage. Looking into the possibility of acquiring an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the church.

Organizations and Work Groups

Missions and FAN

No Report.

Nurture

No report.

United Methodist Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

The UMW resumed meeting this month. Please encourage all women to join us. Melinda will contact Scottie's about catering our Church Christmas dinner on December 2nd.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Resumed meeting this month. We had good participation for our trash pick up last week and Lewis thanked all who helped. Beulah UMC members may attend next month's meeting. The next trash pick up is tentatively scheduled for December 1st.

Trinity Bible Fellowship report given by John Glass for Huley Perry

On hold until Huley is able to attend.

Mature Years report given by John Glass for Huley Perry

Had a great meeting last month. George Glass, son of John P. Glass, Sr. and Alice Glass will be at our meeting this Tuesday to sing and play his guitar.

Covenant Prayer report given by Carol Martig for Doris Leitner

Resumed meetings and started back sending out cards to those on our prayer list.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Jim

Presented information on a new ministry the "Good News Club." Churches are holding Bible study at local elementary schools. Pastor Jim and Joey Beckham will attend an upcoming organizational meeting to hopefully partner with Crooked Run Baptist Church in this ministry.

Pastor Jim has been making home and hospital visits. Also, participated in the Fairfield Salkehatchie Camp July 13-20. Meals on Wheels going well and well supported by our members. The Bible Study on Discipleship has been successful and anyone who would like to join is welcomed. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00-11:00.

Neighborhood Charge Conference will be held October 8, at 6:30 pm at First UMC. Gordon and Greenbrier UMCs will also be participating.

Nominating Committee report for Class of 2020 was presented. Changes and/or additions were approved by Council.

Copy of Pastor Jim's full report is attached.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Fall Festival tentatively scheduled for October 19th from 5-7pm with funds raised to be used for Children's ministries was approved by the Council. The council also approved a trip for the children to a cornfield maze in Newberry.

The next Administrative Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2020.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
January 26, 2020
6:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened January 26, 2020 in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and a devotion from the Upper Room dated 1/13/20 and Romans 12:4-8. Minutes were voted on and accepted as emailed to Council Members.

Treasurer's Report given by Carol Martig and Missy Taylor

Carol Martig and Missy Taylor provided committee members with copies of the Approved Budget Report and Financial Reports.

There has been a slight increase in electricity, telephone, and insurance costs.

Evangelism/Outreach Report

No report

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

The average number for Sunday School attendance since last report was 11.5 and the average number for Worship Service since last report was 26.9. Total number in attendance for Christmas Eve Service was 50.

Worship Committee Report given by Annette Bruroton

Annette thanked everyone in the church for all of the help during the Christmas Season. Advent candles are on automatic delivery yearly. Special thanks to Eunice Hobgood for being responsible for the poinsettias at Christmas. No concerns to report at this time.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood.

Next meeting of the committee has been scheduled for February 10, 2020 at 4:00 in the Bethel UMC Choir Room.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

The Fairfield County Fire Inspector, Ray Hoshall, met with the Trustees on January 9, 2020. The main topic discussed was the multiple fire alarms that had been activated recently. The alarms had been caused by a faulty smoke detector, which has been replaced. The Fire Department requires the installation of a KnoxBox when there have been multiple nuisance alarms causing the deployment of department personnel. The KnoxBox can only be opened by a member of the Fairfield County Fire Department and would contain a key to the church and a list of emergency contact numbers. The Trustees voted to purchase and install a KnoxBox as soon as possible.

Mr. Hoshall also discussed the requirements that fire extinguishers be inspected monthly and be re-certified when expired and that the Exit signs be checked monthly. Copies of the Inspector's report was shared with Committee Members and one is included with minutes. The Trustees plan to bring the fire extinguishers and inspections up to code as soon as possible.

The playground equipment was checked for safety purposes by our insurance company and was found not to be in compliance with safety requirements. The swing set and one of the playhouses has to be removed. The other remaining playhouse requires mulch. A railing also needs to be added to the storage building. The Trustees plan to make the necessary changes as soon as possible.

The Trustees also have a walk through scheduled for the Church buildings and Parsonage on February 26, 2020.

Organizations and Work Groups

Missions and FAN Report given by Joey Beckham

Joey reported that the Good News Club has started off well. Pastor Jim Rogers, Joey Beckham, and Mary Catherine Wilson are helping with Fairfield Elementary School. The initial series of programs will be for six weeks.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send out birthday cards and to encourage inactive members to attend services. A total of 24 Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes were collected from Bethel UMC and Monticello UMC.

United Methodist Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

Our first meeting this year went well and we have had ladies from Beulah UMC attending. Please encourage other ladies to participate. A baby shower for Kim and Garrett Hall has been planned for February 1 and the colors are Navy Blue and Gray.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Everything is going well. Members from Beulah UMC have been participating and still plan to participate. Our next trash pick up is scheduled for March 7th.

Trinity Bible Fellowship report

On hold until Huley Perry is able to return.

Mature Years report given by Doris and Hugh Leitner

We had a wonderful program presented by Ben Hornsby. A sign-up sheet has been posted for anyone who can help present a program or get a speaker.

Covenant Prayer report given by Doris Leitner

We currently have nine prayer members and we are sending out approximately 40 cards every month.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Jim

Our neighborhood Charge Conference including Bethel UMC, Winnsboro First UMC, Gordon Memorial UMC and Greenbrier UMC was held on October 8th at 6:30 PM at Winnsboro First UMC. All Churches reported bringing Good News to all through successful outreach ministries and local worship.

Bethel continues to provide financial support to those in need in the community. Pastor Jim continues to participate in Meals on Wheels and is making visits to home-bound members on a monthly basis. Our weekly Disciple Bible study has been going well. Bethel continues to provide non-perishable items to the Fairfield County Food Bank.

A copy of Pastor Jim's full report is attached with list of meetings he has attended.

Old Business

John provided an update on the “Way Forward” and proposals that have been brought forward to split our denomination.

New Business

For the church financial audit, all reports from those responsible for banking accounts need to be given to Benny Bruorton by February 16th.

Discussed Easter Service (April 12th) and plan an Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast and an Easter egg hunt for the children.

The next Administrative Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 19th.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
July 19, 2020**

The Bethel United Methodist Administrative Council convened July, 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the church Fellowship Hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and a devotion from Romans 12:9-21 and Upper Room dated 7/18/2020. Minutes from the 1/26/20 council meeting were voted on and accepted as emailed to members of the Council.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of Financial Report for 2020. Deposits were made every other week during the time when services were suspended due to COVID-19. Apportionment's as well as all other payments are up to date.

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by John Glass

The revival originally planned to be held with Beulah UMC has been canceled due to COVID-19. We hope to plan another revival for next year.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for Sunday School since last meeting has been 10.8. Average attendance for Worship Service has been 27.6. We were unable to meet from March 27 through July 21, 2020 due to COVID-19. Our Sunday School class continues to meet in the Fellowship Hall and we would love to have people join us. We are practicing social distancing and wearing face masks. Lessons are great and coffee is available.

Worship Committee Report given by Ben Bruorton

We have purchased communion supplies that are individually packaged for use during the pandemic. We are planning to celebrate the Lord's Supper on World Communion in October. Hand sanitizer is located throughout the church and will be refilled as needed. Christmas Advent candles and Christmas Eve candles are here along with battery operated candles for children.

Missions Report given by John Glass for Joey Beckham

The Good News Club has been put on hold due to COVID-19. Please continue praying for children to accept God's Love.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood.

Transition has gone well with Pastor Ben and Amy. We were able to have an introductory meeting with a Zoom Meeting. We are looking forward to our ministry with Pastor Ben and Amy.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

The new Knox-box has been installed and approved by the fire inspector. A walk through of the parsonage and storage building was performed on 2/23/20. The old playground equipment has been removed as per insurance requirements and new mulch has been put in around the remaining equipment.

There is a dead pine tree between the church buildings and the highway. The Trustees recommend that the tree be felled by a person Herbert Hobgood has contacted at a cost of \$200. The Church Council approved the \$200.00 expenditure for the work. The men of the church will cut the tree up and haul it away once it has been felled.

A leak in the Ladies restroom has been repaired and leak in the Men's room will also be repaired as soon as possible. The Trustees looked in to obtaining an automatic defibrillator but do not recommend the purchase of one at this time because of the high cost since we have church members who are certified in CPR.

Organizations and Work Groups

FAN Report

No report.

Nurture Report given by John Glass for Janet Davis

Janet continues to send out birthday and get well cards. The MAFIA (Make A Friend In Animals) group will be holding a heartworm clinic. Check the MAFIA Facebook page or call Janet if you are interested.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Our next trash pick up has been scheduled for June 28, 2020. We are planning to start meeting again in September. The FCM will not be hosting our Community Cookout in August because of COVID-19. Hopefully we will be able to have a cookout next year.

United Methodist Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

The baby shower for Kim and Garrett Hall was great and very much appreciated by them. We will meet in September with no refreshments.

Trinity Report

No report.

Mature Years Report

Will not meet for rest of this year. Doris and Huley will provide an update when available.

Covenant Prayer Report given by Doris Leitner

We met this past Monday for the first time since COVID-19 and welcomed Pastor Ben as our newest member. Cards continued to be mailed each month during our hiatus to the individuals on our list. As always, we appreciate the congregation's continued prayers for our group.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben

Since resuming Sunday Services, there have been some positive COVID-19 cases at three churches in our conference. Pastor Ben and Amy are looking forward to serving the Fairfield County Circuit Churches. Pastor Ben has been posting information, including his Pastor's Corner, on our Facebook page. He reported that attendance is up at Monticello. He also expressed interest in the Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, as well as other mission and outreach projects for the church to consider like building beds for low income families and collecting change to hand out to people who use laundromats.

Pastor Ben will resume classes at Lutheran Seminary and a copy of his class schedule will be posted outside the Church office. He has three more years remaining to complete his degree as a part-time student.

Old Business

None

New Business

Darlene brought up the possibility of collecting school supplies for Epworth. Pastor Ben offered to check with Epworth Children's home to find out what types of school supplies are needed.

Pastor Ben brought up the possibility of the church having high-speed internet installed so that we can possibly stream our services and project video to the fellowship hall, among other things. He had done some preliminary checking and AT&T could provide high-speed service for about \$66 per month. It was brought up that Frontier may be able to offer a better deal. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Pastor Ben to investigate other options with Frontier and AT&T and to make arrangements to have internet installed under the best terms that can be negotiated. After discussion, the Council voted to authorize Pastor Ben to proceed with having internet installed in the church as soon as possible.

Lewis reported that he had checked on what would be involved in getting a camera installed in the sanctuary along with wiring that would be required to record and also project the services to the Fellowship Hall. The cost would be in the range of several hundred dollars. During discussion, it was brought up that Crooked Run Baptist records their services. John volunteered to check with Crooked Run to gather information on what equipment they are using. After further discussion, it was decided that we would gather more information and then call a special meeting to make a decision on how to proceed.

After discussion, it was decided that the next Administrative Council Meeting will be scheduled after we find out the date for our Charge Conference.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
October 4, 2020
6:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Administrative Council convened Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from 1 Samuel 32:10 and the Upper Room dated September 12, 2020. Minutes for the July 19, 2020 Administrative Council meeting and the July 26, 2020 Special Administrative Council meeting as shared with the Council by e-mail were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Ben Hornsby

Ben provided copies of the Financial Report as well as copies of the Proposed Budget for 2021. Apportionments for 2021 have not been set by the conference yet, so that budget item is the same as 2020 but could change later. The proposed budget also reflects a 2% increase for Pastor Ben as recommended by the Pastor Parish Relations and Finance Committees. The Council voted to approve the proposed budget with some slight adjustments.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Sunday School attendance has averaged of 12.1 people over the last ten weeks. The average attendance during the worship service has been 27.8 people. We continue to encourage members to attend both Sunday School and Worship Services. There were 23 people in attendance for the National Day of Prayer Service on September 26th at the cross on the front lawn of the church.

Worship Committee Report given Annette Bruorton

Going well as usual. The Advent candles have been procured. We will use the candles used from last year's Christmas Eve Service instead of purchasing new ones. Eunice Hobgood will send out order forms for the Christmas Poinsettias. A workday has been planned for November 28th right after the Fairfield Christian Men's quarterly trash pick up. The Christmon Tree, the Manger Scene, and other decorations will be put up at that time. The congregation will add ornaments to Christmon Tree during the Sunday worship service.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood

The PPRC met on September 22nd for Pastor Ben's Evaluation. The PPRC recommended a 2% pay increase for Pastor Ben to the Finance Committee.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Latham

All issues pertaining to Church building and parsonage have been addressed. Lewis did a check of all the church heaters to confirm proper operation before cold weather arrives. The storage building has been mostly cleared and items were sold at the Big Grab or donated.

The Trustees made a recommendation that the Council authorize Pastor Ben Rogers, Ben Hornsby, and John Glass to update our COVID-19 guidelines as soon as possible and as needed in the future as the pandemic situation changes. Major changes in the guidelines are not anticipated at this time. Council voted to approve the Trustees recommendation to authorize Pastor Ben, Ben and John to keep the guidelines updated as needed.

Evangelism and Outreach Report given by John Glass

We started posting our worship services online beginning August 6, 2020 and we have been averaging 32 “hits” per week. A few of those are people who are attending the service, but at least some are probably not attending in person that we are reaching. We need to continue to connect and minister to them and hopefully have them attend in person. Pastor Ben will add a video introduction to each service recording, providing email and web site information and encouraging viewers to contact us.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

The storage building has been mostly cleaned out. Items were sold at Big Grab or donated to local service organizations. Joey asked that we pray for young people to have a place to go to play and exercise in our community.

Organizations and Work Groups

Nurture Report given by Joey Beckham

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to the sick and shut-ins. The boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry will be in soon.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Our next trash pick up will be Saturday, November 28th. We will put up the Christmon Tree and Manger Scene immediately afterward.

United Methodist Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

Meetings have started back. There will be no Christmas Dinner this year, but we hope we will be able to start back with meals at church when the pandemic situation improves.

Mature Years report given by Doris Leitner

Still suspended until further notice because of the pandemic.

Covenant Prayer report given by Doris Leitner

Our group continues to pray daily for the needs of the church, community, and Upper Room requests. As always, we appreciate your continued prayers for us and for those on our prayer list.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Our Charge Conference will be held at Bethel UMC on October 25th. All reports will be due to Pastor Ben by October 12th. The virtual Annual Conference will be October 17th. On Saturday, November 7th, a “Shall We Gather” service will be held at Lake Monticello at 12:00 noon at the Hwy 215 boat ramp. The “Think Like Jesus” Bible Study is going well with good participation.

Old Business

None

New Business

Since we will not be able to hold a Fall Festival this year due to COVID-19, Pastor Ben proposed that we have a “Trunk or Treat” on Saturday October 31st. After discussion, the Council approved his proposal and decided to hold the event from 3-5:00 pm on Halloween. Candy will be handed out at one location. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the sanctuary and candy will be collected for prepackaging prior to the event.

Epworth Children's Home is having an adopt a child for Christmas. The requested gift list is provided online. Those wishing to participate will need to go to the website to sign up for the gifts they will purchase. The gifts will need to be dropped off at Epworth on Monday, December 7th. We can meet at Church and go as a group or gifts can be dropped off at the Church prior to December 7th.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
November 22, 2020
6:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened November 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from Psalms 100:3-5 and reading from *In God We Still Trust*. Minutes from the Administrative Council Meeting dated October 4, 2020 previously shared by e-mail were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report for 2020 and the Approved Budget for 2021. As of the 15th of November, there is about \$42,000 in the Church's checking account. Apportionments for 2021 went down and the overall 2021 budget is slightly lower than the 2020 budget.

Spending was down in 2020 due to the pandemic and there were a total of about \$17,800 in unspent budgeted funds. After discussion on how the church could use some of these unspent monies, the Council voted to use part of the unspent funds to purchase a 55" inch TV and blue ray player for Epworth Children's home. The Council also voted to use part of the unspent funds to supply ten boxes for the Council on Aging Christmas Angel Tree. Missy volunteered to take care of purchasing the items for the Christmas Angel Tree boxes and John Glass volunteered to take care of the TV and blue ray player purchases for Epworth Children's Home.

Committees, Organizations, and Work Groups

Fairfield Christian Men given by Lewis Hobgood

Our quarterly trash pick up will be Saturday, November 28th. We will also set up the outside Manger Scene, the Chrismon Tree, and other Advent decorations after the trash pick up.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Advent readings have been given out to Church members.

The Pastor's classes are winding down for the semester.

The next PPRC meeting will be held at Monticello UMC on December 8th.

Christmas gifts for Epworth Children's Home will be delivered on December 10th.

Bethel UMC and Monticello UMC will continue to feed the hungry by bringing non perishable items the first Sunday in each month.

Janet Davis will deliver Operation Christmas/Samaritan Purse boxes to Trinity Road Baptist.

The Pastor is visiting and providing the Lord's Supper to home bound members.

Hope to be able to plan some sort of fellowship meal (soup supper, etc.) as a church as soon the pandemic situation improves.

We will start a new bible study in January.

Pastor Ben and Amy will be leaving right after Church on Sunday the 20th for a wedding and will be gone overnight.

Old Business

Our Covid-19 Safety Guidelines have been updated and posted to our website. John, Ben Hornsby, and Pastor Ben will continue to update these guidelines as the pandemic situation warrants.

Our Trunk or Treat was a success with church members and members of our community participating. Thanks to Amy for the great goody bags she put together that were handed out.

We now have ten subscribers to our YouTube channel.

New Business

Pastor Ben brought up the need to formalize the process for allocating funds from our Community Outreach fund as the current information on how that process operates is very sparse. The Council voted to have John, Missy Taylor, and Pastor Ben form a committee to establish more formal guidelines to bring back to the Council for approval.

The next Administrative Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 31st at 5:00 PM.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
January 31, 2021
5:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from Matthew 5:14-16 and read "God's Covenant People" from *In God We Still Trust*. Minutes from the Administrative Council Meeting dated November 22, 2020, previously shared by e-mail, were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report. One hundred percent of our apportionments were met last year. Insurance premiums were higher than expected by \$336.00.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Sunday School attendance averaged 10.65 over the last 18 weeks. Average attendance for Worship Service was 25.06. This was an average of 2 fewer people for both SS and Worship Services. We continue to encourage members to attend both Sunday School and Worship Services.

Worship Committee Report given by Annette Bruorton

Palm Sunday crosses have been ordered. All is good.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood

The Committee completed our church profile and made the recommendation for Pastor Ben Rogers to remain another year.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

Officers for 2021 were elected, with Arthur Lathan to continue as Chairperson and Al Martig to remain as Vice-Chairperson. Pastor Ben will replace Carol Martig as Secretary and take minutes for the meetings.

The Trustees recommended approval of a request by the Perry family to purchase space on an awning column for Sherrill Perry's name to be added. The Council voted to approve the recommendation by the Trustees and Huley Perry will be directed to contact Grady Phillips to have her name added.

Pastor Ben requested that the couch in the parsonage be replaced due to poor condition. The Trustees voted to move the sofa from the choir room to the parsonage. The Trustees decided to ask for volunteers to form a parsonage committee of two women and two men to perform walk throughs of the parsonage to recommend repairs, replacement of furnishings, etc. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the back of the church and Pastor Ben will ask for volunteers during the morning worship announcements.

Lewis Hobgood recommended having the existing light poles be removed from the church property as one doesn't work and the other doesn't provide enough light. He volunteered to install lights at the ends of the back awning, facing the front lot and back drive, with better and brighter lights. The Council approved for Lewis to purchase and replace the lights. Dominion Power will be contacted to remove their light poles.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by John Glass

No Report.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards to home bound members and also purchased Christmas gifts for senior members of the church.

United Methodist Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

Back to meeting monthly. Decided to bring light refreshments to meetings. Melinda encouraged more participation.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Trash pickup planned for March 6th. Lewis also would like to have volunteers to help clean up the older part of cemetery of trees and other growth. A date for a workday will be announced later.

Trinity Bible Fellowship Report given by Huley Perry

On hold until Huley Perry is able to return.

Mature Years Report

Has not resumed meeting.

Covenant Prayer Report given by Doris Leitner

Our group continues to pray daily for the needs of the church, community, and Upper Room requests. We are pleased that Amy Rogers and Missy Taylor have joined our group. As always, we appreciate your continued prayers for us and for those on our prayer list.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben

Weekly Bible Study has resumed and we are studying the book "Act Like Jesus" on Wednesdays at 6:30.

The Ash Wednesday Service is on February 17th and will be held at Monticello at 6:30.

Classes have resumed at Seminary. The District Superintendent has given all Pastors a Sunday off. She will perform the Worship Services at Monticello and Bethel on Pastor Ben's Sunday off of July 11, 2021. Pastor Ben will contact Grady Phillips to schedule an upcoming date when he is available to come for Gideon Sunday.

Old Business

John distributed copies of the Bethel UMC Community Financial Assistance Guidelines (formerly the Community Outreach Fund) as drafted by Missy Taylor, Pastor Ben, and John per request of the

Council at the last meeting. John presented the Guidelines and the workgroup answered questions from the Council concerning the process as outlined. After discussion, the Council voted to approve the guidelines as presented.

New Business

The Council voted to collect a love offering for a church member who is having a difficult time. The offering will be taken up on Valentine's Day, February 14. Pastor Ben will make an announcement concerning the love offering the Sunday before, but there will not be an announcement in the bulletin.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for Sunday, April 25th, at 5:00 pm.

There being no other business, Pastor Ben dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
April 25, 2021
6:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened April 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from Luke 13:18-21. Minutes for the January 31 Administrative Council meeting, previously shared by e-mail, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

No report

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Sunday School attendance has been an average of 11.7 people over the last ten weeks. The average attendance during the Worship service has been 27.18 people. We had 38 attend our Sunrise Service which was followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall. We also had a good turnout at the Ash Wednesday Service at Monticello and Maundy Thursday service at Bethel. We are having a dozen or more attending our weekly Bible Study, which will continue through the first week of June. We will break for summer and start back in the fall.

Worship Committee Report given by Annette Bruorton

Everything remains good. Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast were well attended.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood

PPRC has not met since the last Administrative Council Meeting.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

The fire alarm system has been upgraded and checked for proper operation by the alarm company as of April 21, 2021. The sofa that was in the choir room has been moved to the parsonage to replace the worn-out sofa there. New lights have been installed at the ends of the awning and the old light poles have been removed.

Lewis Hobgood asked if the list of contacts has been updated with the alarm company. Arthur will check on this.

The Parsonage committee has been put in place and a parsonage walk-through will be scheduled with Harry James Beckham soon.

Organizations and Work Groups

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

Continuing to collect food for the Food Bank first Sunday of each month.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Continuing to mail cards to home bound members and calling to check on their needs

United Methodist Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

We will not be meeting for the summer starting with June. We will return to normal meetings in September.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Continuing to meet through June, will not meet beginning in July and will resume in September. Trash pick up in March went well and we had good participation. The cleanup of the cemetery went well with the removal of the trees and most of the brush. We will work to finish cleaning up the smaller things (stumps, etc.) in the coming weeks. We will discuss whether to have our August cookout at the June meeting.

Mature Years Report

Have not resumed meetings.

Covenant Prayer Group Report given by Doris Leitner

Our group continues to pray daily for the Church, our community, and the Upper Room requests. We are especially praying for peace throughout our community, state, nation, and the world. As always, we appreciate your continued prayers for us and for those on our prayer list.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Easter Sunrise Service, Maundy Thursday Service and Ash Wednesday Services went well.

Finishing up this semester and will have a two-week Maymester class beginning May 10th. Will resume regular classes in August. Feed the Hungry is next Sunday. Mother's Day Offering will be May 9th. "Shall We Gather at Lake Monticello" service will be on May 15th at 12 noon. Reverend Jamieson will be conducting services at Bethel and Monticello on July 11th. Throughout June, will be have our "12 at 12." An insert will be included in the bulletin each week outlining a scheduled 12 minutes of daily prayer at 12 noon each day.

Old Business

Survey results for resuming singing during Sunday Worship Service. Sixteen voted in favor and three were not in favor. We will plan to not have congregational singing for now, but will have another survey next month. Conference guidelines have OK'd singing by choirs, so we will begin having a choir at the services when the choir members are ready to begin.

New Business

None

The next Administrative Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for July 18th.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
July 18, 2021
5:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened July 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from 2 Timothy 4:7 and Upper Room dated June 9 2021. Minutes from the Administrative Council Meeting dated April 25 2021 previously shared by e-mail were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial report to Council members. Church is doing well financially. The alarm system had to be upgraded at a cost of \$485.00.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Sunday School attendance averaged 11.8 over the last twelve weeks. The average attendance during the worship service has been 27.7. We continue to encourage others to join us for Sunday School hour as we have wonderful teachers and great participation from the class members.

Worship Committee Report given by Annette Bruorton

All is well. The Choir has resumed singing as well as the congregation.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Have not had a formal meeting as of yet, but will as soon as the pastor evaluation form is compiled.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

Have not had a formal meeting since October 4, 2020 due to Covid restrictions. However, the committee is keeping abreast of the physical condition of the buildings and grounds of the church property and have addressed all issues that have been brought forward. The Trustees Committee has been working with the parsonage committee to replace floor covering in parsonage. Also, due to a seasonal storm in the area, the playground equipment was destroyed. The apparatus was taken apart and cleared from the premises. There are no plans to replace this equipment.

Everything is going well and the Trustees continue to monitor the upkeep of the property. We ask for your support in reporting any issues that we need to address.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by John Glass

No Report.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards to home bound members.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

Ongoing Christmas in July, collecting stuffed animals for the Sheriff's Department, has been very successful. Also, we are still having great participation from Bethel and Monticello UMCs collecting for the Fairfield Community Food Bank. Beginning in August through mid September, we will be collecting "Back to School" supplies for Kelly Miller Elementary School.

United Methodist Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

Will resume meeting September 13, 2021.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Men would like to sponsor cookout on August 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Asked UMW to provide drinks and desserts. The Council voted to approve proceeding with the plans. Will meet next on September 13, 2021.

Trinity Bible Fellowship report given by Huley Perry

On hold until Huley Perry is able to return.

Mature Years

Have not resumed meetings.

Covenant Prayer report given by Doris Leitner

Our group continues to pray daily for the needs of the Church, community and Upper Room requests. We especially are praying for peace throughout our community, state, nation, and the world. Many of us and other Church members participated in the "12 at 12" prayer time during the month of June. As always, we appreciate your continued prayers for us and those on our prayer list.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben

There will be someone from Epworth's Children home at Bethel UMC on August 7th from 12:30-2:00 pm for anyone who would like to purchase ice cream. Aldergate's Sunday is August 8th.

Fall Semester will begin August 23rd. Pastor Ben will be meeting with Pastor Steve Elkins from First Methodist to discuss possible group events. Letters were mailed to 23 church members who have not been attending church services.

Old Business

Church members met last Thursday, July 15th to discuss replacing the carpet and flooring in the parsonage. The carpet in the living room was pulled back and there were some dark spots on the floor, but members thought that it could be sanded out. The Council approved the work to refinish the wood flooring in living room and dining room, to replace the carpet in the sun room and hallway, and to replace the flooring in the kitchen with laminate. Several members will meet at Floor Boys to pick out the carpet and laminate. A date will then be scheduled to do the work, which should take 5-7 days.

New Business

Pastor Ben's wife, Amy, asked to use the fellowship hall for "Stamping Up" training class from 10:00 am-12:00 noon on several Saturdays this Fall. The Council voted to approve.

Missy Taylor and Melinda Truesdale asked if we wanted to have a Fall Festival on October 30th from 5:00-7:00 pm. After discussion, the Council voted to approve. Activities will include a costume contest, cake walk, and country store. We will also sell hotdogs and hamburgers.

The next Administrative Council meeting date will be determined after the date for the Charge Conference is set.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
October 3, 2021
5:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Administrative Council convened Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from Matthew 17:14-20 and from the Upper Room dated August 10, 2021. Minutes shared by e-mail were approved and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report for 2021 and Proposed Budget for 2022 with changes. The Finance Committee recommended addition of \$500 for machinery, a decrease in funding for Minister's Travel by \$500, and a 2% salary increase for the pastor next year. The proposed budget also includes a decrease in apportionments of \$740. The proposed 2022 budget is a decrease of about \$133 vs. 2021 for a total budget of \$89,299.21. The Council voted to approve the recommended changes to the upcoming budget.

Worship Report given by Annette Bruorton

All is going well. Will be ordering more disposable candles. Poinsettias forms have been provided to Church members. All Saints Sunday will be November 7, 2021.

Educational Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for the Sunday School hour since our last meeting has been 11.67. Average attendance for the Worship Service has been 26.09. We encourage all church members to join us for the Sunday School hour, as we have wonderful teachers and great participation from the members of the class.

PPRC Report given Lewis Hobgood

Met last Sunday to evaluate Pastor Ben's job performance. It was recommended and approved to give Pastor Ben a 2% increase to be presented at Administrative Council Meeting.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

Met today prior to Administrative Council meeting. Will need to review virus guidelines for any necessary changes or updates. Storage building needs to be cleaned out and inspected in the near future. Wooden flooring in parsonage will be refinished first of November. Need to look into possibly having parsonage inspected for pests. Security system upgrade has been tabled at this time. Will discuss putting in fire pit next year. The Cemetery Fund that pays for the cemetery grounds maintenance is getting low and contributions from the congregation are encouraged.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report by John Glass

No report.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

Joey thanked Pastor Ben for all that he does in support of missions, including the Feed the Hungry and Laundry Love ministries. We had have positive responses from our church members.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to sick and shut-ins. Shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse need to be brought to church by the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Encourages participation from all men at Bethel UMC. Trash pick up will be planned for Saturday December 1st.

United Methodist Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

Please encourage all ladies of the Church to come join meetings. Will be putting "Heart Baskets" together at our next meeting. Due to COVID, we will not be having our annual Christmas Dinner this year.

Mature Years Report given by Doris Leitner

We hope to resume gatherings next year.

Covenant Prayer Report given by Doris Leitner

We have added another new member, Sherrie Feaster, to our group, for a total of eleven members. We meet on the second Monday of each month and continue to mail cards on a monthly basis. Our group is dedicated to praying for those on our list on a daily basis. We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this privilege and opportunity.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

All is well with attending school. Everyone is encouraged to come on Wednesdays at 6:30 for our "Be Like Jesus" Bible Study. Church Charge Conference will be held immediately after the worship service on October 31st. All reports are needed prior to the conference. The District Superintendent, Rev. Cathy Jamieson, will lead our Worship Service prior to the conference. Met with Grady Phillips regarding having a representative of the Gideons at our Sunday worship service soon. We had a good turnout for the Fairfield Community Mobile Food Pantry in our parking lot on September 29. DHEC conducted a COVID vaccination clinic at the same time that was also successful.

Old Business

Amy Rogers will not be using Fellowship Hall for her card making until sometime in 2022.

New Business

Due to COVID, it was decided by the Council not to have a Harvest Festival this year. The Council also decided not to participate in a Trunk or Treat this year.

A proposal to donate \$500.00 to Kelly Miller Elementary School to purchase student uniforms was approved. Missy requested and the Council approved a donation of \$350.00 for the Council on Aging's Angel Tree. The Council also approved a \$500.00 donation to Christmas at Epworth. Christmas at Epworth will be online for members who also want to view and sign up to purchase gifts for the children. Drop off for gifts will be December 6-8 and Pastor Ben will deliver packages along with anyone who would like to go.

Lewis Hobgood made a motion to have the fluorescent lights in the Fellowship Hall as well as down the hall and in the men's bathroom replaced with LED lights that are brighter and more energy efficient. The Council approved and Lewis will replace the bulbs as soon as possible.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
January 23, 2022
5:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened January 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from “In God We Trust”-- Lamentations 3:24-26 and Psalms 31:34. Minutes from the Administrative Council Meeting dated 10/2/2021 previously shared by e-mail were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial report to Council members. Church is doing well financially. We received a letter from our insurance company informing us of an increase in our premium from \$6200 to \$7000 due to infectious diseases. Council voted to approve an increase in the budget to cover the increased premium.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Sunday School attendance averaged 12.47 since the last meeting. The average attendance during the worship service has been 28.13. Both averages were up slightly from the last quarter. We had 57 people attend our Christmas Eve Service. Our Church was closed on January 16, 2022 due to inclement weather. We continue to encourage others to join us for the Sunday School hour, as well as the Worship Service.

Worship Committee Report given by Annette Bruorton

All is going well. There are enough communion cups for the Ash Wednesday Service on March 2, 2022 at Monticello UMC.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood

The Committee met on December 9, 2021 for the annual Pastor Evaluation and expressed our appreciation for both Pastor Ben and Amy.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

The trustees committee continues to be vigilant of their duties to maintain the physical properties of the Church as well as the well-being of individuals that are present on our campus. To that end we monitor the recommendations of the Conference leadership on Covid protocol and implement the necessary precautions to provide a safe worship and service environment.

A carbon monoxide monitor has been placed in the parsonage and AC/HVAC work has been completed including replacing the thermostat with a new capacitor and fan. The carpet has been replaced in the sun room and hallway, vinyl plank flooring has been installed in the kitchen, and the hardwood floors were refinished in the living and dining rooms.

Trees and foliage overhanging the shed and power line at the parsonage have been safely and successfully removed.

David Mann, Jr. has resigned from maintaining Church parsonage grounds. The Trustees will write up specifications for the Church landscaping and will solicit bids for the work as soon as possible.

We ask that you make us aware of any matter that needs our attention so that we may address it in a timely manner.

It was requested that a new flag be purchased to replace tattered flag in front of Church.

All is going well with the trustees, and we sincerely thank the dedicated volunteers who have donated their time, efforts and monetary funds to the cause of keeping our campus safe, operational and beautiful. May God continue to bless.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by John Glass

No Report.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards to home bound members.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

Continuing with monthly donations for the Fairfield Community Food Bank. The Laundry for Love was very successful. Thirteen rolls of quarters were handed out at the laundromat and were greatly appreciated.

United Methodist Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

We continue to meet each month. Our numbers are small and we hope that they will increase soon.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Continuing to meet monthly. Trash pick up has been scheduled for March 5th.

Trinity Bible Fellowship

Have not resumed meetings.

Mature Years

Have not resumed meetings.

Covenant Prayer report given by Doris Leitner

We are continuing to meet on a monthly basis. This Christmas we sent out 56 cards, which were beautifully made and donated by Amy Rogers. We receive weekly requests from the Upper Room and our group is dedicated to praying for those on our list on a daily basis. We appreciate your continued support.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben

Has resumed classes at the Seminary. Pastor Ben will have twenty seven hours left after this semester.

There is a FAN zoom meeting scheduled for February 27th. Hopefully will resume the program.

Pastor Ben and Amy will be out of town Sunday, February 27th. Lay Servant Huley Perry will be preaching at both Monticello and Bethel UMC that day.

In addition to the Ash Wednesday Service at Monticello on March 2nd, we will have a Maundy Thursday Service at Bethel.

Pastor Ben has sent out letters for a second time to Church members who are not currently attending Church services on a regular basis, encouraging them to come back.

Still putting services on YouTube and averaging approximately 10-15 views per week. The Good Friday Service will be recorded and added to YouTube for all to view.

Old Business

None

New Business

All financial reports need to be given to Bennie Bruorton by February 13, 2022 for the yearly audit.

The next Administrative Council meeting date has been tentatively scheduled for March 27th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Pastor Ben.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
March 27, 2022
5:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened March 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from Luke 13:18-21 and the Upper Room dated April 5, 2022. Minutes for the January 23, 2022 Administrative Council meeting, previously shared by e-mail, were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report for 2022. An unexpected AC repair was costly (\$2266). We may need to increase our maintenance budget in the future.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for the Sunday School hour since our last meeting has been 12.89. Average attendance for the Worship Service has been 30.44. Both averages were up slightly from the last quarter. We continue to encourage others to join us for the Sunday School hour as well as the Worship Service.

Worship Committee Report given by Ben Bruorton

All has gone well with the help of Church members. The palm branches and communion cups are ready for Easter Sunday Service. Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Monticello UMC and Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Bethel UMC. Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 am at Bethel UMC. A light breakfast will be provided after the Service.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Have not met since last Administrative Council Meeting. Signs are that Pastor Ben should be reappointed for another year.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

Two projects planned. Painting of doors to the fellowship hall and complete work on the fire pit.

Have been negotiating a lawn service contract replacing the retiring contractor, David Mann. We have posted the job for bids and seven bid sheets were given out, but only one was returned by the deadline. The bid was received from Mr. Byron Young of Ridgeway. Mr. Young's bid was to maintain the church and parsonage lawn and related properties every two weeks for \$400 and to maintain the cemetery every two weeks as needed for an additional \$400. The Trustees voted to award the lawn service contract to Mr. Young. He will begin cutting the lawn in time for Easter.

Herbert and Gloria Hobgood have requested that they be excused from the duties of the cemetery committee.

The Trustees have received an inquiry about purchasing the bus carport located adjacent to the parsonage. No decision has been made as of yet. We welcome input from the congregation as we will be discussing this idea in the near future.

Finally, the Trustees held annual elections. The following officers were elected; Arthur Lathan, Chairman, Ben Bruorton, Vice Chairman, Carol Martig and Ben Rogers, Secretary. We welcomed two new Trustees, Sherrie Feaster and Jason Hobgood who replaced Harry James Beckham and Annette Bruorton.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report – John Glass

No report.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

Joey and Pastor Ben attended the FAN meeting in February. Suggest folks go on one of the Winnsboro walking trails.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Continuing to mail cards to home bound members and calling to check on their needs. A truckload of food and supplies for the Fairfield Animal Shelter in Winnsboro donated by Church members on March 20 has been delivered. Those at the shelter were very appreciative of the gifts.

United Methodist Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

We are still meeting monthly and encourage all women to participate.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Our next litter pick-up is scheduled for June 4th. We have signed up for two more years of litter pick-up with Keep America Beautiful.

Mature Years Report

Have not resumed meetings.

Covenant Prayer Group Report given by Doris Leitner

As always, we receive weekly requests from the Upper Room and our group is dedicated to praying for those on our list on a daily basis. We are averaging 50 cards which are mailed on a monthly basis. We appreciate your support and prayers for this privilege and opportunity.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Pastor Ben thanked Huley Perry for him filling in for him on February 27 at both Monticello and Bethel.

Still busy with classes at the Lutheran Seminary.

Holy Week services will be held at First United Methodist Church. Pastor Ben will be preaching on Tuesday of Holy Week and we have been asked to help by providing desserts that day.

Our Bible Study will resume on April 20th.

Prayer Crosses have been built by Lewis Hobgood and Ben Bruorton for both Monticello and Bethel UMC. A piece of colored yarn is placed on the Cross for each prayer request and a piece of white yarn is placed on the Cross when a prayer is answered. Yarn will be provided. After discussion, it was decided to place the Bethel Cross in the Fellowship Hall.

May 8th is Epworth Mother's Day Offering.

Old Business

Audits have been completed on all accounts and everything was found in order.

New Business

John expressed the church's gratitude for the many years Gloria and Herbert have handled the affairs of our cemetery. We will put a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for volunteers to serve on a newly formed Cemetery Committee. The new committee will work on transferring responsibilities from Gloria and Herbert and will work to develop some formal cemetery policies and procedures.

A monetary gift of \$20,000 has been donated to Bethel by Terry Mann Kyzer, daughter of Frankie Mann. Mrs. Kyzer has stipulated that the money not be put in a CD but that it is to be used in helping people when a need arises and for missions. After several ideas for possible uses of the money were discussed, it was decided that we would think about it a while since there is no deadline.

The next Administrative Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for June 26.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
June 26, 2022
5:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened June 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from “In God We Trust” A Call To Action and 2 Chronicles 7:14 and James 4:17. Minutes from the Administrative Council Meeting dated March 27, 2022 previously shared by e-mail were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided updated copies of the Financial Report for 2022. No issues out of the ordinary.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for the Sunday School hour since our last meeting has been 14. Average attendance for the Worship Service has been 32.2. Both averages were up by 2 from the last quarter. Easter Morning we had 52 in attendance. On June 5, 2022, Samantha Burroughs joined our church and sons Zachary and Blake were also baptized. We continue to encourage others to join us for the Sunday School hour as well as the Worship Service.

Worship Committee Report given by Benny Bruorton

No problems. Please let us know of any issues or concerns.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood

No activity since last Administrative Council Meeting. A new District Superintendent, Rev. Fran Elrod will start June 29th.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

Our new landscaping contractor, Mr. Bryon Young, began work the week of Easter and is doing a good job. The fire pit has been built and used. Information pertaining to the fire alarm emergency protection has been updated with names and telephone numbers. Laminated signs have been posted to the entrance/exit doors of the church to remind individuals to turn off lights and lock doors before exiting the church.

The Trustees voted to remove the free standing carport at the parsonage. Since it was a donation, the donating family will have the opportunity to claim the structure at no cost.

A drop box has been put on a utility pole under the canopy at the back of the church for the purposes of leaving messages, etc. The box is available for use by the church membership.

An old tombstone (already leaning) was knocked over by the lawn maintenance crew. The Trustees looked at the tombstone and decided that due to the age and condition of the marker, that no restitution will be sought. However, an effort will be made to turn the marker over so that the wording can be read

and, if possible, a suitable leaning position obtained.

The trustees board voted to pursue bids to improve the carpet in the fellowship hall either by cleaning existing carpet, replacing existing carpet, or installing laminated flooring. Bids would also be requested to replace carpet in Church sanctuary as part of a package deal.

Since we have the soil and space for a potential garden, the trustees voted to establish a garden committee to explore the best way to use the garden spot to best suit the needs of the church and community. Volunteers are encouraged for this committee.

Recognizing the need to improve the sound system in the sanctuary, the Trustees authorized Pastor Ben to install longer microphone sticks to the microphones positioned on the pulpit.

Bennie Hornsby and Melinda Truesdale have volunteered to be on the cemetery committee. Gloria Hobgood has agreed to stay on long enough to exchange information. This was voted on and approved.

The trustees remain active to their pursuit to improve and maintain the Churches buildings and ground. We ask your assistance in making us aware of issues that need our attention.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by John Glass

No Report.

Nurture Report given by Joey Beckham

Janet continues to send cards out each month and calls those that are home bound.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

Board games will be collected during the month of July for the Winnsboro Sheriff's Department to give to children. We plan to take more "Laundry Love" quarters soon to the laundromat to hand out to customers.

United Methodist Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

Not meeting for the months of June, July and August, and will resume meeting in September. Melinda thanked everyone for helping with meal for Betty Jo's family.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Not meeting in June or July. Our last trash pick-up was June 4th with the next pick-up planned for September 10th.

Lewis brought up whether we should resume our annual community cookout in August. After discussion, it was agreed to resume the cookout on Saturday, August 13 at 5:00pm.

Trinity Bible Fellowship

Have not resumed meetings.

Mature Years

Have not resumed meetings.

Covenant Prayer report given by Doris Leitner

As always, we receive monthly requests from the Upper Room and our group is dedicated to praying for those on our list on a daily basis. We are averaging over 50 cards which are mailed on a monthly basis. We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this privilege and opportunity.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben

Pastor Ben is happy he has been reappointed to the Fairfield Circuit. He will resume classes the week of August 22nd. He continues to visit home bound members and those who are in assisted living. He and Amy plan to be on vacation July 6-10. Huley Perry will preach for the July 10 worship service.

Pastor Ben talked with Harry James Beckham about scheduling a walk-through of the parsonage for the parsonage committee soon.

Pastor Ben will be talking with the District Superintendent soon about the date for our Charge Conference and will let us know as soon as possible about that so committee meetings can be scheduled.

Old Business

None

New Business

The council voted to approve that the cemetery fund should no longer have a separate account and that the cemetery funds be included in the church's account as a separate fund. The council also voted to combine the parsonage account as a separate fund within the church's account.

The council voted to resume 5th Sunday covered dish dinners after worship starting with July 31st.

The next meeting will be scheduled after the date of the Charge Conference is determined.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Ben.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Special Administrative Council Meeting
Sunday, August 14, 2022

A special Administrative Council meeting was held on Sunday, August 14, 2022 following the morning worship service to discuss a financial need for a member of Bethel UMC. According to the information provided by Pastor Ben, the total need was in the amount of \$1000. Because of the urgency of the need, Pastor Ben, John Glass, and Missy Taylor had determined that there were enough funds in the Community Outreach Fund and, in accordance with our Community Financial Assistance Guidelines, a check in the amount of \$425.00 had already been provided to the member in need. The Council discussed options on how to address the balance. After discussion, a motion was made and the Council voted to approve that the additional amount of \$575.00 be given to the member from the Community Outreach Fund.

This being the only business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
September 11, 2022
5:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Administrative Council convened Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from “In God We Still Trust” about Todd Beamer who was a passenger on Flight 93 on 9/11/2001, with scripture from John 15:12 and Romans 12:21. The minutes shared by e-mail were approved and accepted with a few minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report. The Parsonage and Cemetery funds have been combined with the rest of the church account and will be included as part of the church's overall financial report. It was decided that Bethel UMC will pay for postage for Covenant Prayer Group and the Nurture Program. It was also approved by Council to return funds to Huley Perry for Mature Years, which will resume meeting in October. The Council approved the proposed budget for 2023 that will be presented at the upcoming charge conference.

Worship Report given by Benny Bruorton

Everything is going well. The combined juice and wafer communion cups will be replaced and we will return to using separate bread and disposable plastic cups beginning on October 2nd on World Communion Sunday.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for the Sunday School Hour since our last meeting has been 13.6. Average attendance for Worship Service has been 31. We continue to encourage others to join us for the Sunday School Hour, as well as the Worship Service.

PPRC Report given by Lewis Hobgood

We met this past Thursday, September 8th and voted to recommend a 7% increase in the Pastor's salary. Church Council voted to increase the Pastor's yearly reimbursement to \$2000 for 2023.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

The Trustees met prior to Administrative Council Meeting. The carport at the parsonage has been removed by Lewis Hobgood. The old headstone that had been knocked over in the cemetery has been positioned by the lawn care personnel so the inscription can be read. The Church Community Garden has been started and is a work in progress. The pastor has been wearing a lapel mic to address the sound issues in the sanctuary mentioned at the last council meeting so a longer goose neck microphone will not be purchased at this time. A water leak at the meter has been repaired by Lewis Hobgood, Jason Hobgood, and Arthur Lathan. The Trustees discussed getting prices for carpet replacement/cleaning or laminated flooring in Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. Estimates will be obtained and we will meet for further discussion. The Trustees are working on getting bids for painting the church doors. The leaking commode in ladies room has been replaced. Pricing for treating fire ants on the church, parsonage, and cemetery grounds have been discussed with a vendor, We will revisit

this issue in the Spring.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report by John Glass

No report.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

During the month of August, School supplies were collected for Kelly Miller Elementary School. Collections for the Fairfield Food Pantry will start back the first Sunday in October.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to the sick and shut-ins. We will be getting Samaritan's Shoe Boxes in October that will need to be turned in the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

The cookout in August was a great success. Lewis thanked all who participated and helped. Lewis also thanked those who helped with the trash pick up yesterday morning. Will resume with normal meetings tomorrow night, September 12th.

United Methodist Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

Will resume our meetings tomorrow night, September 12th.

Mature Years Report given by Huley Perry

Will resume meeting the second Tuesday of October at 11:00 for a covered dish lunch and a special speaker.

Covenant Prayer Report given by Doris Leitner

We are no longer receiving weekly requests from the Upper Room, but they have been called and emailed and hopefully they will resume sending those to us. Our group is dedicated to praying for those on our list on a daily basis. We are mailing approximately 50 cards a month. We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this privilege and opportunity.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Pastor Ben's classes will start back the week of August 22 and his schedule is posted on the church office door. He is taking two classes this semester. Our Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 2nd following the morning worship service. All church positions have been filled by the Nominations committee.

Pastor Ben brought up the idea of beginning a process called "Forward Focus" to identify areas where the church can focus our ministries. After discussion, the council agreed to look into beginning that process in 2023.

Pastor Ben and Ben Hornsby have gone through our membership list and 27 letters have been mailed to those who have not attended for quite some to ask if they still want to maintain their membership at Bethel.

Old Business

Cemetery committee- Herbert and Gloria have given the cemetery map and records to Ben Hornsby and Melinda Truesdale and they will be walking through the cemetery soon to discuss which plots are available for new burials. They will also be working on policies for the cemetery.

New Business

A tin foil dinner and S'mores cookout is planned for Sunday, October 23rd. We need to review and hold training on our Safe Sanctuary Policy. Pastor Ben will contact the conference to see when someone can come and provide that training.

The next Council meeting will be scheduled for January 22, 2023.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
January 23, 2023
5:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Administrative Council convened Sunday, January 23, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from the Upper Room “Small Steps of Faith” and scripture from Joshua 1:3-9. The minutes shared by e-mail were approved without revision.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report through December, 2022

Worship Report given by Annette Bruorton

Annette thanked the Fairfield Christian Men and Bethel United Methodist Women who worked together in getting the Church decorated for Christmas. For Easter, we will have small palm crosses to pass out on Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday we will continue to bring flowers and greenery to place on the cross in front of the Church. We will continue with communion the first Sunday of each month. Communion will continue to be served with juice in small plastic cups.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for the Sunday School hour since last meeting has been 13.3. We had one Sunday with only nine in attendance due to sicknesses and that brought our average down slightly. That same Sunday caused our average attendance for Worship Service to drop down to 30.8. We had 62 in attendance at our Christmas Eve Service. We continue to encourage others to join us for the Sunday School hour as well as the Worship Services.

PPRC Report given by John Glass

We have met twice since last council meeting. We completed the Pastor's evaluation and updated the church profiles. We have requested for Pastor Ben to be reappointed to our charge.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

The Trustees have been busy overseeing the development of the church garden. We are pleased to report that through the diligent efforts of Al and Carol Martig and others, the garden has produced fruit and major structural improvements are in the making. After consideration and discussion, the project to replace the church carpet has been put on hold. Painting of the church doors has been delayed due to not being able to secure a person capable of doing the job. The committee is currently working on finding someone for the job. Plans are being made to replace the mailboxes at the church and parsonage. It has been brought to the attention of the trustees that there is candle wax on the surface of some pews. Several methods of removal have been suggested and efforts to remove the wax is presently under way. A walk-through inspection of doors and windows has taken place and problems areas have been identified and will be addressed. Election of trustee officers has taken place with the following being elected.

Chairperson – Arthur Lathan

Vice Chairperson – Carol Martig
Secretary – Sherry Feaster

The trustees continue to monitor the churches building and grounds to ensure that the properties remain in the best possible condition. We welcome input from all.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report by Huley Perry

Huley Perry has talked with Pastor Ben about putting something in place. Sherry Feaster is looking online for ideas and has asked if anyone has suggestions to please let her know.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

We had a good response to Christmas at Epworth project and the gifts and donations were delivered in December. We will be rolling the remaining quarters from our Laundry Love project and distributing those at the Winnsboro Laundromats in the near future.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to the sick and shut-ins. We collected the most ever shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project this year.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

We are meeting as usual. We continue our Adopt-A-Highway trash pick ups and are looking for opportunities to help within the community.

Bethel Christian Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

We are no longer a part of the United Methodist Women and will be known as the Bethel Christian Women going forward. We will continue with monthly meetings and have decided to focus on missions in our community and encourage everyone to let us know about new project opportunities. We also will continue having some joint meetings with the Fairfield Christian Men.

Mature Years Report given by Huley Perry

Meetings have resumed the second Tuesday of each month. Currently looking for programs and speakers.

Covenant Prayer Report given by Doris Leitner

Our group is dedicated to praying for those on our list on a daily basis. We are averaging approximately 54 cards which are mailed on a monthly basis. We have had many praise reports during this time and are excited to see the Lord at work. We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this privilege and opportunity.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Ben thanked everyone for their participation at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

He is getting close to finishing classes at Seminary. His schedule is Monday and Friday 1:00-2:50 and 8:30-10:20. Part of his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) will be to serve at Lexington Hospital for 18 weeks, making rounds at the hospital visiting patients.

A Gideon representative will speak at the Sunday morning service on February 19th at both Monticello and Bethel. Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Monticello UMC on February 22.

Pastor Ben and Amy will be going to Norway in May and will not be in church for the 21st or the 28th services, There will be a guest minister/lay servant leading service for those Sundays. Pastor Ron Elkins from First United Methodist Church will be on call during this time.

Holy Week services will be held at Winnsboro First United Methodist Church.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bible Study on the book of Galatians will begin February 1, 2023.

The next Council meeting will be scheduled for March 27, 2023.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
March 26, 2023
5:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Administrative Council convened in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from the Upper Room "So Help Me God" dated March 9, 2023 and scripture from Joshua 1:1-9. The minutes shared by e-mail were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report through February 2023 and Budget Report. Missy reported that the fire alarm payment will be increasing to \$175.00 quarterly.

Worship Report given by Annette Bruorton

Palm crosses will be passed out Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Bethel UMC at 6:30pm, with Communion being served. Good Friday Service will be aired on YouTube Friday morning. Easter Sunday Service will begin at 7:00am outside church, weather permitting, and then proceed inside the sanctuary. Please bring flowers to be placed on Cross outside front of Church. There will be breakfast after the service. A sign up sheet will be placed at the back of the sanctuary.

If anyone wishes to make a donation to the Red Cross, please see Annette by Sunday, April 2nd.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for the Sunday School hour since our last meeting has been 13.9. We have consistently had 33-34 members in attendance for Worship Service for the majority of this period and our average has increased by 3 to 33.9. We continue to encourage others to join us for the Sunday School hour and the Worship Service.

PPRC Report given by John Glass

We have not met since last council meeting and no meetings are planned at this time. Pastor Ben has not heard yet from the DS if he will be reappointed to Fairfield Circuit.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

Arthur provided a copy of the Trustees Report dated March 26, 2023.

The Trustees care for the church continues daily. Items that were reported on: The discussion of replacing the carpet in the church and fellowship hall has been put on hold until further notice. The painting of the of church doors and widows has been tabled as well, pending the examination of our insurance policy for liability coverage. The council did discuss further searching for other possible painters and will contact Greenbrier and First Methodist UMC to inquire about the painters that recently completed work at those churches. The fire alarm is still not functioning totally but we continue to work with the installer to bring all zones on line.

We are going to be purchasing a Wi-Fi extender for the fellowship hall to see if it will boost the signal to the fellowship hall. Cleaning of the beams in the sanctuary continues to be a work in progress. We voted to extend the water line to the garden to make watering the garden more convenient. Also, the council approved the installation of an access ramp to the kitchen porch. Approval was also granted to continue the

grass cutting contract with Mr. Byron Young for the coming year for the parsonage, church, and cemetery. He will cut the grass for the first time of the season prior to Easter.

As a result of a recent walk-through inspection of the church and fellowship hall by some trustees, a few items were noted and have been or will be addressed soon.

Lewis added that Mike Mobley has been diligently working to fix the recent trouble codes on the alarm system. An expander has been installed to amplify the signal and everything is now online.

Lewis plans to power wash entrance to church and will be replacing the worn out entry rug.

Three of the five emergency lights are not working and will be replaced.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report by Huley Perry and Sherrie Feaster

Huley, Sherrie, and Joey have met with Pastor Ben and have proposed that we hold a revival the week of July 23-26. Would like to invite two other churches to participate, St. Matthews First Baptist and Cedar Creek Baptist, with pastors from both churches helping lead services. Would plan to include church choir participation and special singers and provide light refreshments and coffee following each service. We would plan to have an altar call on the final night. The Church Council voted to proceed with the revival.

Sherrie also proposed having movie nights June-August. She suggested using an outside screen and movie projector. She also has a popcorn making machine available. After discussion, it was suggested to wait and reconsider in the fall when it would be cooler.

Amy is making greeting cards to be mailed out to members who have not been attending.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

Joey has suggested starting an exercise class or possibly walking on the "Palmetto Trail." Quarters for Laundry Love have been rolled and she and Pastor Ben will be planning a day to hand out the quarters.

Other suggestions were helping to do something for Council on Aging, having Epworth come and sell ice cream, and doing something with Prison Ministries.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to the sick and shut-ins.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Still having regular meetings and good participation. Trash pick up was March 3rd and Lewis thanked everyone who helped. The men are looking for other opportunities to help in the community.

Bethel Christian Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

Meetings are going well. We have had good participation in our March project to collect Depends, adult wipes, etc. for the Council on Aging. Our April project will be to collect items for the Fairfield Animal Shelter.

Mature Years Report given by Huley Perry

Meetings are going well with guest speakers and participation. George Glass, son of Alice and John P. Glass, Sr., will be our guest singer at the April 11th meeting.

Covenant Prayer Report given by Doris Leitner

Our group is dedicated to praying for those on our list on a daily basis. We are averaging approximately 48-50 cards, which are mailed out on a monthly basis. We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this privilege and opportunity.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Class is going well. Will provide PPRC a copy of his schedule for the remainder of the semester. Pastor Ben will be serving as Pastor/Chaplain on call at Prisma Health for 12 weeks. He will visit patients and provide counseling as needed for family and friends of those in the hospital. He will report his schedule as soon as available.

Holy Week services will be held April 3-7 at First United Methodist Church in Winnsboro. Pastor Ben will be preaching on Tuesday, April 4th and Bethel and Monticello United Methodist Churches will be providing desserts for that day. Mother's Day offering will be May 14th. Pastor Ben and Amy will be on vacation May 20-29. Huley Perry will be leading services at Bethel and Monticello on Sunday May 21st. Details for the May 28th service to be determined. Pastor Ben will print bulletins for both services prior to leaving. Rev. Elkins from First Methodist will be on call if pastoral assistance is needed during this time.

Annual Conference will be in person this year June 4-7 in Florence. Joey Beckham will attend as the Bethel voting lay member.

Pastor Ben will be graduating seminary in May 2024 and will be ordained at the 2024 Annual Conference.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The next Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for June 25, 2023.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
June 25, 2023
5:00 PM

The Bethel United Methodist Administrative Council convened in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from the Daily Bible Study “What Was the Church Like that Your Grandparents Attended?” and Haggai 2:1-9. The minutes shared by e-mail were approved with minor revisions.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report through May 2023. There is currently \$23,000 in the cemetery fund.

Worship Report given by Annette Bruorton

All is going well. Continuing to have Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. Revival will be held July 23-26 with communion on the final night. Annette thanked John and Darlene for helping with communion in June and July.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Average attendance for the Sunday School hour since our last meeting was down by two for a total of 11.33. For the Worship hour service we have averaged 34.54 members in attendance. We had 53 present for the Easter Sunrise Service and 42 in attendance for Mother's Day. As always, we continue to encourage others to participate in our Sunday School discussions.

PPRC Report given by John Glass

No meeting held since the last Council meeting. Pastor Ben will be staying with us for another year. The PPRC will next meet prior to Charge Conference.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

The Wi-Fi extender has been purchased and is in use. Sanctuary clean-up day is planned for July 15th at 8:30am. A ramp has been installed at the kitchen entrance. The sidewalk and entrance to the sanctuary have been power washed. Emergency light bulbs have been replaced. The fire alarm is now working after replacement of a computer board. The Trustees plan to review and update church usage policy. Painting of the church's windows and doors has been approved. The council voted and approved to pay an extra \$172.00 insurance rider to cover the vendor not being bonded. Pastor Ben will speak with the Sheriff's department regarding church security due to a recent unknown vehicle parking on church property after dark when there was no event at church.

The Trustees recommended that the church parking lot be sealed and parking lines re-stripped at a cost of \$2,000, which was approved by the Council. Will set up a workday for cemetery cleaning this Fall.

The Trustees continue to monitor the church building and grounds to ensure that the properties remain in the best possible condition. We welcome input from all.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report by Huley Perry and Sherrie Feaster

We plan to have movies outside when the weather is cooler. It was suggested that we could have movie night inside until then. Huley and Sherrie had a follow up meeting with Pastor Ben regarding our upcoming Revival. We then met with Rev. D. S. President of St. Matthews Baptist Church, and Pastor Ben talked by phone with Rev. Jay Thompson of Cedar Creek Baptist Church. Each minister is prepared to preach on July 25th and July 26th respectfully. Both churches will also perform special music on their designated nights. We decided that in lieu of monetary offerings, we will ask people to bring school supplies for Kelly Miller School. Pastor Ben prepared a flyer which has comprehensive information about the revival. A date for a pre-revival prayer vigil has yet to be designated. Light refreshments will be provided each evening.

Missions Report given by Janet Davis

Salkehatchie has resumed and will be in Fairfield County the Week of July 10th. Bethel and Monticello will be providing lunch on the 11th. For Christmas in July, Bethel and Monticello will be collecting water, Gatorade, and sports drinks for the Greenbrier and Jenkinsville Volunteer Fire Departments. The quarters collected for Laundry Love have been distributed at the Winnsboro laundromats.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to the sick and shut-ins. She also sends birthday cards to members.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

We will not be meeting the months of June and July. Our Community Cookout has been planned for August 12 at 5:00pm. Trash pick up was June 3th and our next trash pick up is planned for September 9th.

Bethel Christian Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

No meetings June and July. The Bethel Christian Women will be participating in the collecting of water, etc. for the Greenbrier Volunteer Fire Department. Will help with the meal for Salkehatchie on July 11th. We also will provide desserts and drinks for the cookout in August.

Mature Years Report given by Huley Perry

We completed the spring Session of Mature Years with our June meeting. We enjoyed six meetings, which included very interesting and enjoyable speakers and performances. Members also prepared delicious meals and desserts. We will resume again for September and October and then will take all members for lunch at Golden Corral in November. There will not be a meeting in December.

Covenant Prayer Report given by Doris Leitner

Our group is dedicated to praying for those on our list on a daily basis. We continue to mail approximately 48-50 cards on a monthly basis. We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this privilege and opportunity.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Happy to be re-appointed as our pastor. Pastor's CPE has been delayed until next year and will be through the UMC rather than Prisma. He will still graduate on time from Seminary on May 4, 2024. We will hold a healing service with oil August 6th at Monticello. The Council voted in favor of having a 5th Sunday covered dish dinner at Bethel on July 30.

Old Business

None

New Business

The council discussed possible separation from the UMC and whether we wanted to seek out information on what would be necessary to begin the process. The Council voted to approve beginning the informational process. John Glass will contact the District Superintendent Rev. Elrod to ask her to schedule a time to come talk with church members about the separation process.

The next Council meeting will be determined after the date for our Charge Conference has been determined.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
September 24, 2023
5:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Church Administrative Council convened in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from Matthew 6:28-34. Minutes were shared by e-mail and were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided updated copies of the Financial Report and current Budget reports. Adjustments were made to include \$200 in the budget for Mature Years expenses, \$400 for Covenant Prayer expenses and to increase miscellaneous repairs to \$3000.00. The Council voted to approve adding \$1000.00 to the 2023 budget and \$2500.00 to the 2024 budget for attorney fees.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Sunday School attendance has been an average of 11.6 people over the past thirteen weeks. The average attendance during worship service has been 32.2 people. We averaged 45.6 people in attendance for the four nights of our revival. We continue to encourage others to join us for the Sunday School hour as we have wonderful teachers and class participation.

Worship Committee Report given by Annette Bruorton

No changes. Continuing with Communion on the first Sunday of each month. World Communion will be first Sunday in October. Motion was made and approved to purchase a CD with Hymnal music for \$382.79. This is an option for when we may not have an available piano player on any given Sunday. The Christmas Tree and other Christmas decorations will be put up on November 25, 2023. Annette thanked John and Darlene for preparing Sunday Communion in June and July.

PPR Report given by John Glass

Pastor Ben has been assigned to the Fairfield Circuit for another year. Met and recommendation for Pastor's Salary sent to Finance Committee and was accepted and approved. Plan to meet in the near future for Pastor's evaluation.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

The building and grounds of the Church property are in good condition. We are pleased to report that the Church windows have been painted and the parking lot has been sealed and re-stripped. We continue to monitor the security of the Church property.

We are going to schedule a cemetery workday soon as the weather gets cooler. The sound system within the sanctuary is being tweaked for improved sound quality. Also, the timer on the lights under the awning is being checked for necessary adjustments. We are in the process of securing an affordable bid to paint the rails around the church and cemetery gates.

Other items being discussed by the Trustees and under advisement:

1. Cemetery cremation burial policy
2. Church archives storage
3. Church usage policy
4. Church wedding policy

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report given by Huley Perry

No activities occurred or plans made since the revival and community cookout. We will be meeting and discussing/making future activities in early 2024.

Amy has offered to make cards to mail out to members who are not currently attending Sunday Church Services.

Sherrie discussed possible movie nights outside when the weather cools off and the possibility of having movies nights inside on Sunday nights.

Nurture Report given by Joey Beckham

Janet continues to send cards out each month and calls those that are home bound.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

No real changes or events at this time. Will have feed the hungry Sundays and something is in the works for helping Council on Aging in November. Information for Christmas with Epworth will be put on the internet October 9th. Pastor Ben will print and place this information in back of Church.

Motion was made and approved that \$1000.00 from Community Outreach Funds be used to purchase a TV for Epworth Children's Home and hopefully funds to be used to purchase Christmas boxes for Council on Aging.

Bethel Christian Women report given by Melinda Truesdale

Started back meeting last month and welcome all women to join us. Will be discussing Christmas Dinner at upcoming meeting.

Fairfield Christian Men report given by Lewis Hobgood

Started back meeting last month. Community Cookout was a big success. Next trash pick up will be November 25th.

Mature Years report given by Huey Perry

Late Winter and Spring meetings were well attended and featured several and very enjoyable presentations by guests. September's meeting was canceled due to number of members potentially absent due to vacations and illnesses. October meeting will be held with Amy Rogers presenting the

program. November gathering at Golden Corral will be in lieu of meeting at Bethel. No meeting in December, with resumption of meetings in January, 2024.

Covenant Prayer report given by Doris Leitner

Our group continues to meet monthly and sign and mail cards to an average of 50 individuals. We are dedicated to praying for all those on our lists on a daily basis.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

CPE will begin in January; awaiting interview with the UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; CPE will run 12 weeks and it will be done through the local church and not in a hospital setting.

Pastor Ben is continuing his Teaching Assistant work at the Lutheran Seminary in Dr. Peterson's Preaching Class. Class is held on Monday from 3-4:50pm and Tuesday from 3-3:50pm. Target is to still graduate in May 2024 with Masters in Divinity.

We will have a Fifth Sunday covered dish on October 29th.

Pastor Ben brought up the possibility of having a Fall Festival. Individuals could bring items such as cards, sewing items, used books, etc. to be sold for local missions/outreach. The ladies of the church could sell baked goods and the men of the church could sell grilled chicken leg quarters. After discussion, the council decided to look at a possible Spring festival.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Church Council discussed the subject of separation. After much discussion, council voted to proceed with a 30-day period of discernment as required by the conference. A committee was formed which includes John Glass, Missy Taylor, Carol Martig, and Ben Hornsby who will be meeting to decide what is needed to satisfy the items on the Checklist for Separation (obtain a property assessment, hire an attorney, obtain insurance info, etc) and to gather estimates on cost of possible separation.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for December 10, 2023.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass

**Administrative Council Meeting
Bethel United Methodist Church
December 10, 2023
5:00 PM**

The Bethel United Methodist Administrative Council convened in the church fellowship hall with John Glass presiding. John opened with prayer and devotion from the Upper Room dated December 5, 2023, “Stepping out in Faith” and scripture from 1 Thessalonians 22:4 and Genesis 15:1-6. The minutes from the September 24, 2023 Council meeting were shared by e-mail and were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report given by Missy Taylor

Missy provided copies of the Financial Report through October 2023. Missy reported that the church’s CDs will mature 1/11 and 1/19. The CDs will be closed and transferred to our checking account.

Worship Report given by Annette Bruorton

Our candlelight Christmas Eve Service with communion will be held at 5:00pm. Annette asked that we all be careful with candles dripping wax, making sure the wax catcher is on the candle. Battery powered candles will be provided for children. Ushers will escort members by row to receive communion.

Education Report given by Doris Leitner

Sunday School attendance has been an average of 11.8 people over the last thirteen weeks. The average attendance for the worship service has been 33.7 people. We averaged 14.3 people in attendance for our three nights of discernment services.

PPR Report given by John Glass

The PPRC met twice, the first to complete Pastor Ben’s evaluation and the second to request that Pastor Ben to be reappointed to the Fairfield Circuit (Bethel UMC and Monticello UMC) for another year.

Trustees Report given by Arthur Lathan

No further action has been taken on the cemetery cremation policy, archive storage, church usage policy or painting the handrails inside church. The AC in the fellowship hall has been checked and is under observation. A cemetery workday has been tentatively scheduled for an undetermined date in February. Outside rails and gates have been painted and all handicap signs have been replaced. The sound system in the sanctuary has been updated. A relay on the awning lights under the canopy has been replaced. Signs have been posted reminding everyone to turn off lights in the fellowship hall when leaving. The church property assessment has been completed. A March 2, 2024 date has been set to clean the choir room and other general cleaning to remove unnecessary items. Two used desktop computers have been donated to the church. The lawn care contract is being reviewed and we hope to have a new contractor in place prior to cutting season. The HVAC unit at the parsonage needs servicing and may have to proceed with getting bids for possible replacement. Temporary reflectors have been put on mailboxes, with permanent ones forthcoming.

The trustees continue to work toward keeping the church property in a safe and usable condition. Please report any concerns that need our attention.

Organizations and Work Groups

Evangelism/Outreach Report by Huley Perry

No recent activity. We will begin to make plans for 2024 after the first of the year.

Outreach Report given by Sherrie Feaster

The recent bonfire night with s'mores was well participated in and enjoyed. Discussed having a movie night outside with a bonfire. We can have the movie in the fellowship hall if it is too cold.

Missions Report given by Joey Beckham

Ben thanked everyone for participating in the Gridiron Gratitude donations for the Council on Aging. Christmas gifts and money donations have been delivered to Epworth Children's home. Samaritan's gift boxes were also delivered. We are always looking for ways to help our community.

Nurture Report given by Janet Davis

Janet continues to send cards and make phone calls to the sick and shut-ins. Thank you to everyone who participated in shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

Fairfield Christian Men Report given by Lewis Hobgood

Two handicap ramps were recently completed. We will be supporting Boy's Farm in Newberry with a donation. We encourage more participation from men at Bethel. We are looking for opportunities in support of our community. Meetings will resume January 2, 2024 when we will have a brief meeting and then put away the Christmas nativity, Chrismon tree, and other decorations.

United Methodist Women Report given by Melinda Truesdale

Melinda thanked everyone for providing desserts for Christmas dinner on December 4th. Will meet January 2, 2024 starting with a brief meeting and then take the Chrismon tree and other decorations down.

Mature Years Report given by Huley Perry

We have had a productive and interesting year. A number of enjoyable programs were provided, including several musical presentations. We enjoyed our annual outing at Golden Corral in November and are looking forward to 2024.

Covenant Prayer Report given by Doris Leitner

Our group continues to meet monthly to sign and mail cards to an average of 50+ individuals. We are dedicated to praying for all those on our lists on a daily basis. The Lord has been faithful to hear and answer our prayers.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Ben Rogers

Pastor Ben relayed to the council that the \$2,000 budgeted funds for travel expenses has not been used and he asked if the funds could be used toward his continuing education. This request was voted on and approved.

Pastor Ben will be taking Sunday, January 21st off. A lay servant from Fairlawn UMC will be leading our worship for that Sunday.

Pastor Ben's CPE begins on February 5-6 (8:30-4:30pm) at Spartanburg Regional Hospital for 26 weeks. One day during the week will be a zoom class meeting. He will also be on call for 17 hour shifts during this time at the hospital in Spartanburg. He will receive his schedule at orientation in February. The CPE program ends July 26. He is still on schedule to graduate from LTSS in May.

Old Business

It was discovered that we had failed to assign someone to purchase the TV for Epworth and the Angel Tree boxes for the Council on Aging as approved at the last council meeting. After discussion, the council voted to give that \$1000 from the community outreach fund as a gift to a member in need.

New Business

Motion was made and approved by Council to proceed with getting bids to proceed with replacing the HVAC at the parsonage.

The Council discussed Bethel UMC's separation from the United Methodist Church. After discussion, the Council voted unanimously to request that the district superintendent, Rev. Fran Elrod, set a date for a vote on separation. Pastor Ben will contact Rev. Elrod to make that request. After the date is decided, he will send a letter to all members advising them on the date of the vote to separate.

Pastor Ben asked if Council would approve him attending the UMC General Conference in Charlotte, NC the first of May. The Council voted to approve his request.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Glass