

AD COUNCIL REPORTS

MAY 2017

Missions Report for Ad Council - Barb Matya

This is usually the quiet time of the year for Missions. We hosted Anna Kodis' parents, missionaries from Sarajevo in March. Paul & Karen Haenze from Poland will be with us May 13 & 14. We will have an informal gathering on the 13th with coffee and dessert. On Sunday, they will speak briefly during worship and be available for questions after church.

We continue to do the Soup Kitchen every month. The number of people served seems to have dropped since the shelter has closed. It runs from 40-60 on an average. A new rule there is "no seconds". Salad luncheon leftovers were a big help in April and enjoyed by the guests.

We are collecting toilet paper during May for the Supply Closet and in June, we are having "buyer's choice". They seem to be in constant need of supplies so whatever we do is a big help.

SPRC Report for Ad Council – Dick Cope

1. As you all know, Pastor Craig resigned effective May 14th to accept a position with the Iowa Veterans Home. We wish Craig well as he begins this new chapter of his life. Craig has agreed to assist in a part-time capacity until we can work thru the details regarding how to back-fill this huge void. All the best to Craig and family.

2. SPRC will meet with DS Reverend Heecheon Jeon on May 11th to discuss "what next" following Pastor Craig's resignation.

3. We have decided to pursue a parallel strategy behind Craig's departure. One path will be to replace Craig with another Associate Pastor. A second path will be to hire a Christian Education position which we see to be our biggest need for both the short and long term.

4. Continued work on editing and republishing the FUMC Marshalltown Employee Handbook. The final draft should be completed in early June.

5. Efforts continue to find a Music Director replacement following Janet Collison's retirement. We have advertised in the TR and pursued several local leads without much success. The latest strategy involves contacting the Iowa State University School of Music to see if they have any students interested in filling the position until we can identify a more permanent solution. Pastor Jeff, Cindy Mack and Jan Randall will fill the void for the near term.

6. We needed to re-juggle Steve's priorities following Becky Goodell's shoulder surgery in April. Becky will be off for at least eight weeks. We will contract mowing and outside work to allow Steve to spend time with the more urgent inside needs.

7. Pastor Jeff and Pastor Craig met with the youth leaders and parents following Phil Dickey's departure. Pastor Craig will pick up the slack for the near term and until the summer break.

8. Charlotte Santana resigned as the Nursery Attendant effective May 1st. We will attempt to fill the position using volunteers.

Finance Report for Ad Council – Kevin Miller

We are in pretty good shape right now. With the no Youth Pastor and temporarily no Choir Director and Associate Pastor our budget shortfall is not as noticeable. In January, we Started paying 10% of our giving towards apportionments which had been our practice over the last few years. In April we took a leap of faith and decided to pay 1/12th of our apportionments each month and see if we can pay our full apportionments again this year.

All the checks have been delivered to the agencies in town that were selected to receive money from the Stonewall gift. The 10% disbursement will be delivered over a period of 3 years. We have received a few thank you notes from very appreciative agencies.