

In the recent survey you completed, you gave us feedback that you would like to hear more about the Leadership Teams. To respond to that request, I will be doing a series of emails highlighting each Leadership Team and their work this year.

Let's start with the Building & Grounds Leadership Team. Matt Norvell accepted the role of Coordinator for this team this year following in the mighty footsteps of Bob Engelbach who lead during the previous year. Members include: Bob Engelbach, Don Benson, Alan Lohaus, Dale Fixen, Al Sadilek, Judy Hoke, Kathy Marshall, and Elaine Buderer.

The **mission** of the Building and Grounds Leadership Team is to maintain and upgrade church facilities to meet the needs of a growing and vital Kittamaqundi community and to coordinate outside use and rental of church facilities.

The **team's responsibilities** include:

- Oversee all maintenance and capital improvement work on the barn, shed, parking lot and grounds.
- Prepare and implement a Council-approved long-term maintenance and replacement plan with an associated financial reserve.
- Prepare and manage Council-approved yearly budget.
- Oversee the Capital Improvement Designated Account in conjunction with Council.
- Oversee use of entry stairwell bulletin board.
- Oversee community barn workdays
- Recommend needed capital improvement projects to Council.
- Coordinate all rental use of building and grounds.

The Sacred Garden led by Elaine Buderer is included in this Leadership Team.

### **2017 Accomplishments so far:**

The BGLT has been busy this year. Here are some of its accomplishments:

- Budget is on target and even under year-to-date. We lucked out and didn't have a lot of snow and ice so we saved on that expense this year. Matt and the team monitor expenses and continue to engage in finding ways to decrease our building and grounds operating expenses.
- Completed the installation of exterior lighting working with BG&E and neighbors. This resulted in a \$7000 "rebate" from BG&E for reducing electricity output.
- Installed new refrigerator.
- Engaged a contractor to paint/stain the exterior of the building and this was completed in April. Cost was \$9,950.
- Worked with 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday folks to ensure 2017 season would be a success.
- Worked with Anne Yenchko, Human Resource Leadership Team Coordinator, to define and implement a digital file protocol to ensure our files are safe and secure.
- Made improvements to our audio system included purchasing and installing additional microphones for services.
- Coordinated with Howard County the installation of a bike rack at KC.

- The Sacred Garden team maintains the garden four times a week during spring, summer and fall with the help of KC volunteers. Three KC teens have been hired this summer to water and weed the garden. Barn Workday is also a great opportunity to accomplish planting, mulching and maintenance.
  - A Native Dogwood area has been created by the steps with new trees, shrubs and bench. The trees in this area have been funded through donations.
  - Garden markers have been Installed at trees and benches that have been dedicated.
  - More shrubs and perennials have been planted throughout the garden. A crushed stone path leads to another new bench under a tree overlooking the street.
  - The annual Sacred Garden Fund Raiser will be Sunday, October 8 featuring a concert by Laura Lesche, a silent auction and a raffle for a vacation week.
- Judy Hoke and Kathy Marshall are doing a fantastic job with building and grounds rentals. They are exceeding budget expectations for 2017 and 2018 has many booked weddings already.
- Successful barn day was held on May 30 with 30 people in attendance. The next barn day is Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up soon!

Take a few minutes to thank all the members of the B&G Leadership Team.

Stay tuned for the next update on the Finance Leadership Team.