

The Session of the Midway Presbyterian Church met for a stated meeting at the Church on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Reverend Mary Seeger Weese, John Davis, Robert Foley, Marci Hicks, Janice Holland, Onedia McClure, Barby Newell, Bill Penn and David Shaw.

Excused: Haley Conway.

1. Reverend Weese opened the meeting with prayer and a scripture reading from Romans 12:9. She asked the Session to remember this verse, which emphasizes the mark of a true Christian is to be genuine, while we “hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.” There was a quorum present for the meeting.

2. Elder Davis provided each member with a copy of the minutes from the meeting held on July 21, 2020. Elder McClure noted that three grammatical/spelling errors should be corrected. Elder Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes, which would include correcting the mistakes as noted. Elder Foley seconded the motion and it was approved by the session.

3. Elder Davis, Chair of the Christian Education Committee, led a discussion concerning the following actions:

A. The Christian Education Committee met on July 20, 2020 and recommends that there will be no Sunday School Classes until the Church returns to in-person Worship Service. Reverend Weese will coordinate this action with the Midway United Methodist Church to make sure all concerned are agreeable with this decision.

B. The Locally Grown Advisory Group will meet again on October 18, 2020 to determine what will be their recommendation for continuing the Locally Grown Youth Group.

4. Elder Foley, Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the tems as indicated below;

A. He requested the Session analyze the July 2020 Financial Reports as prepared by the Church Treasurer, entitled “Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison, as of July 31, 2020” and “Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual, July 2020.” The Session reviewed each line for accuracy with no changes deemed necessary.

B. The Church’s OIKO World Investment Note with the Calvert Foundation was discussed. Elder Shaw explained this organization gives capital loans for families in low income communities and there is no additional expense for the Church to continue the note for one year. The current note will expire on September 1, 2020, so Elder Davis made a motion to reinvest \$3,000 at a 1.5% interest rate for one year with the Calvert Foundation to be in effect until September 1, 2021. Elder Shaw seconded the motion and it was approved by the Session.

5. Elder Holland Chair of the Mission and Outreach Committee, highlighted the following activities:

A. The Midway Community Garden continues to host workdays each Saturday at

school, weddings and any other way to make someone happy. The signs and markers are now in Fellowship Hall ready to be transformed into color and uplifting words for the benefit of everyone. Also, it is encouraged for recipients to return the signs, so they can be recycled or used again.

C. The Committee will meet next month on a date to be announced to discuss fellowship activities for the Congregation, such as virtual game nights or other fun events.

8. Elder Shaw, Chair of the Property Committee, led a discussion of the following actions:

A. Reverend Weese discussed the rental of the vacant rooms upstairs in the Church that could be used as a source of additional income for the Church. This proposal will be on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

B. Elder Shaw is in the process of cleaning the surface of the concrete on the porch of Fellowship Hall, which is significantly improving the appearance of the area.

9. Reverend Weese outlined the agenda used during the Transylvania Presbytery meeting held earlier today online, which included participation of over 70 members. The meeting was presented in an extremely innovative manner with an interview of a newly ordained minister, a detailed financial report and small group gatherings. Also, there was an advanced method of approving motions and issues, while using intricate push button voting. She encouraged Session members to volunteer to attend the next meeting online, which is scheduled for November 14, 2020.

10. Reverend Weese presented the following Pastor's Report:

A. She will continue to publicize events and activities in the Church Newsletter, which will include items that will be simple and encouraging. Committee Chairs should send her information needing to be publicized for the Congregation.

B. She asked the Session about ways the Congregation can be out in the community and helping make Midway an even better place to live. This is an important time to do things for others, so she will be spreading the word to the Congregation to help enact this concept.

C. The next stated Session meeting will be held at the Church on September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall while using safe social distancing and sanitizing standards in observance of the COVID-19 protection guidelines of the Governor of Kentucky.

11. Reverend Weese expressed pastoral concern for members of the Church and the community. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

John S. Davis
Clerk of Session

Reverend Mary Seeger Weese
Session Moderator