

## OFLC Pastor's Report – For August 2022

### Worship & Education

- Special Worship Services:
  - o August 14<sup>th</sup>: Outdoor worship w/United Presbyterian at River Days. 10am @ Lions Shelter
  - o August 28<sup>th</sup>: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worship
- Fall Education:
  - o Sunday School Start: September 11<sup>th</sup>
  - o Engage & Confirm Start: October 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Volunteer leaders are needed for E&C for the upcoming year. Looking for 2 per grade.**

### Pastoral Care

- Al Anderson in transitional care facility in New Hope.
- Shirley Bolstad at home recovering from hip replacement surgery.

### Outreach

- Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat planning underway. Group met on August 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss planning – vision is to be a community-wide event.
- Brittni is working on planning congregation-wide service projects as part of Engage and Confirm. Approximately 1/month.
- Pastor Aaron offering suicide awareness skills workshop Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm. Open to public. Registration link will be on website, communication channels.

### Administrative

- See list on second page: Short term items for Council (next 1-3 months)
- Signed Boy Scouts charter agreement. (Pam can debrief details)

### Info for Council – Pastor Aaron

- **On vacation Sept 4-17.**
  - o Remaining vacation for the year: 1 Sunday, 8 days.
- Attending Synod Rostered Leaders Gathering in Nisswa, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) through Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Council Items for Consideration (near term):**

- Shift worship time to 930am this fall? Tammy and Lindsey support. 930 is latest we can start and still allow Tammy to get to House of Grace to lead worship.
- Joint discussion meeting with NourishingHOPE committee to discuss way ahead with NH. Target date in October.
- Start budgeting process in October-November: who is going to assist Amy with this? We have a number of needs to consider, such as:
  - o Paying for bookkeeping (to separate from Treasurer's responsibilities)
  - o Increased education budget (VBS, Sunday School, etc.)
  - o NH-OFLC fiscal relationship
- Council leadership transition plan: Of 11 Council members, 8 are due to transition out in 2023. Potential 2023 Council will be:
  - o Wendy G – President
  - o Vice President – vacant
  - o Secretary – vacant
  - o Treasurer – vacant
  - o Jody B – at large
  - o Erin S – at large
  - o If constitution revision is approved, would only need to fill 2 additional at-large positions (PLUS 3 officer positions)
  - o If not approved, then Council needs to fill 5 additional at-large positions (AND 3 officer positions)

All currently serving council members have served one term (with the exception of Pam) and would be eligible to run for a second consecutive term.

Vice President and Treasurer will be the most difficult to fill due to nature of positions.

- 2022 Events: Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat and Crow River Christmas. Would recommend starting to tab leadership teams to work with Brittini on organizing these events.