

# Highlights from Your Session

## Session Meetings in November 2018

This month saw the Annual Session Retreat as well as the Stated Session meeting. Here are the highlights from both meetings.

The Session met at St. Anthony Spiritual Center in Marathon City 11/16 – 11/17 to assess the overall state of the congregation, review current programming as well as future needs and to agree upon a Wildly Important Goal (WIG) for 2019. After much discussion and prayerful consideration our stated WIG for 2019 is as follows:

***Improve engagement of current membership and attract prospective members by adding video components to our existing on-line presence by June 1, 2019.*** Over the coming months there will more details about specific plans and programs, but this WIG builds upon our current WIG which will be updated in March 2019 to see year over year participation results.

### Regular Session Meeting on November 19, 2019

**Rolls and Registers:** Membership stands at 543 after the removal of 5 members who have sent requests to be removed. Per capita for 2019 will be \$37.00 as announced at the Presbytery meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> in Appleton. During the month, we celebrated the wedding of Phil Mathieu and Rachael Rogers on November 10<sup>th</sup> and the Baptism of Molly Marie Platta, daughter of Chris and Nancy Platta on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasure's Report:** Financials are looking very good through 10/31/18, with a new surplus of \$14,236. We were recently blessed with an undesignated donation of stock valued in excess of \$30K.

**Capital Campaign Committee/ Long Range Planning:** Construction is moving along at a strong pace. The sub floor is almost complete, and the loft area is at a point where we can walk up there and see how this space will be used for our youth. Samples of design ideas for the flooring, colors, lighting and furniture accessories are being reviewed for approval.

**Pastor's report:** The Youth Director Search is progressing very well. We have two candidates under final consideration. One candidate from out of state will be with us in person over the weekend of November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The nominating committee has almost completed their work of selecting a slate of candidates to replace Elders and Deacons who will be rotating off their respective positions this year. The slate will be presented to the body at the annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for the first Sunday in February 2019.

All committees are to begin work on their annual reports. These reports will also be presented at the February Congregational Meeting.

### Committees:

**CE** – Session approved a motion coming from the CE Committee to have a Fundraiser to offset the cost of the Confirmation trip. There will be a Super Bowl Sub Sandwich sale. In years past this has been a success and proven to be a good fund-raising activity.

**Missions-** Plans are progressing for the 2019 Auction. A contract has been signed with Brian Mergen from Red Garage Auction Co. to be the auctioneer this year. The Hears of Hope campaign began Sunday 11/18 and all members are encouraged to get a Heart to support 95 families this year. The Christmas Dinner has been blessed with a large Turkey donation from Peyton's Promise.

**Administration** – Session approved two motions coming from Admin. One is to establish a brokerage account with Fidelity to handle donations of stock the church receives as donations. The second motion approves sweeping undesignated funds from the Capital Campaign pledges received into the Construction account on a monthly basis.

**All other Committees:** Minutes of those meetings were received by the Session and are available for review in the church office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

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