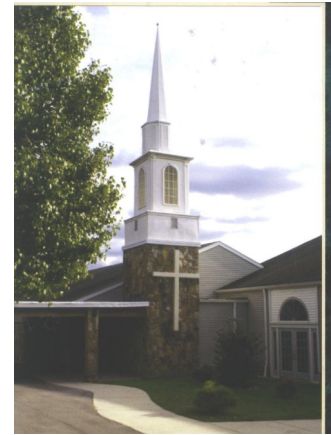


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The Messenger

Fairfield Glade Community Church



Dear Friends in Christ,

Genealogy has become very popular. More and more of us are interested in knowing our family roots, history, and ancestry. Many years ago, my dad spent a lot of time and effort tracing his family lineage. Some of his attempts at genealogy were successful while others were not. Finding information and records seemed to vary as he went deeper into the past.

In his genealogical research, he discovered a great grandfather of German descent, Victor Bracht, who immigrated from Dusseldorf, Germany, to Galveston, Texas, in 1845. He worked as a purchasing agent and warehouse manager to provide products for the large number of German immigrants that had been settling in Texas. A few years ago, when Lilly and I were in the Air Force stationed in Germany, I found and visited the graves of Victor's parents buried in a cemetery in Dusseldorf.

As I have listened to several of my friends who are of African descent, I hear a different story when they have traced their ancestral roots. One not so rosy. While my ancestor Victor had to endure an arduous two-month sailing trip from Dusseldorf to Galveston, and the subsequent challenge of adapting to a new environment in a rugged Texas, that is nothing compared to my black American friends whose ancestors were brought over in horrendous slave ships and enslaved to white Americans.

The most famous Christian hymn, Amazing Grace, was written by John Newton, someone who had spent many years working on these slave ships but then later became an abolitionist. In the book "Under Our Skin," published in 2015, Benjamin Watson wrote, "Five generations and 150 years have passed since the abolition of slavery. You'd think that after all this time we'd have reached parity between races, that there would be *truly* equal opportunity, and that we'd be seeing and experiencing fairness in society between blacks and whites. A lot of white people believe that's actually where we are. A lot of black people know we aren't."

I have highlighted this message from Benjamin not to blame, shame, or put a guilt trip on those of us who are white. I point out his statement because it leads to an important question that I have for all of us who are white: are we listening to our fellow black Americans? Instead of becoming defensive, saying "I'm not a racist, it's not my fault, they shouldn't be protesting," do I take the time to listen to the voice of our fellow Americans who are black? Do we who are white get to decide when everything is equal between blacks and whites; that blacks just need to "get over it?"

If I'm going to follow Jesus' commandment to love my neighbor as I love myself, I need to hear what my fellow black Americans want to tell me, whether by a whisper in my ear or a loud protest in the streets.

In my graduating high school class, there was only one black student. But after spending 23 years in the military, I have been blessed with many black friends. And I can tell you firsthand, most of my black friends are hurting. They are echoing what civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer said in 1964: "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired!" This is not only because when they see a

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confederate flag flying in someone's front yard it oppressively reminds them of their American ancestry as slaves, but also because of their current experiences. While racial equality has improved from years past, racism in America still exists today.

You and I may honestly feel that we are not racist, that we try very hard to treat both whites and blacks as equals. But that is not enough. We can't just say we aren't racist. We must be antiracist. We must speak up and take a stand when someone behaves in a racist way. We can make the world a better place from that which my black friends' parents and grandparents experienced.

My maternal grandfather was blatantly racist towards black Americans. He used the n-word and didn't think twice about saying degrading comments about blacks. As a child growing up, I was exposed to my grandfather's way of thinking. Nobody is born racist; it is a learned behavior. As a young, impressionable boy I started learning from my grandpa, but thankfully my parents taught me the opposite, and I was blessed that I spent a lot more time around my parents than my grandfather, such that more antiracism was learned than racism.

Though not easy, we can unlearn racism that we have knowingly, or more often un-

knowingly, been taught. Along with my black friends, one of the best teachers of antiracism that I have been learning from is the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Speaking to a group of devout Christians, including numerous clergy, Rev. King shared something that I believe resonates with us at Community Church:

"When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Moslem-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about ultimate reality is beautifully summed up in the first epistle of Saint John: "Let us love another; for love is God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God."

The ultimate reality is that all of us humans of every race have the same ancestral origin in God's love. That is why we have our church's mission statement: That We All May Be One in Unconditional Christian Love.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
James



INDEPENDENCE DAY RECOGNITION SATURDAY JULY 4, 2020



During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4.

Fairfield Glade Community Church will celebrate Independence Day this year on Saturday, July 4 with our Veteran Flag Ceremony. To honor our country on her birthday and to honor those men and women who have served, fought and died for our freedoms and liberties by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. We would like to encourage and invite members of our church and all other citizens to join us at 8 AM on July 4th, to raise the flags and at 4 PM to lower the flags.

As always, the July 4th Flag presentation will depend on the weather.



July 2020

Birthdays

William Lee	07/02
William Prather	07/03
John Zanichelli	07/03
Linda Gallagher	07/04
Debbie Roberts	07/05
Donna Walk	07/10
Jimmie Carter	07/14
Mary Ann Tryon	07/15
Barb Kitchen	07/20
Joanne Becker	07/21
Jean Dempsey	07/21
Brenda Moore	07/21
Phyllis Seeh	07/21
Pattye Cornelius	07/23
Richard Dennis	07/23
Sandi Foreman	07/25
Laura Lavender	07/29
Nancy Joseph	07/30
Marty Smith	07/30

Anniversaries

Donna & Bob Lauzon	07/01
Steven & Tove Thomas	07/01
Dick & Jan Homan	07/03
Jim & Laurel Kime	07/03
Paul & Kay Moyer	07/04
Bob & Judy Walsh	07/05
Sue Herrick & Tom Heil	07/24
Dale & Shirley Marshall	07/31



FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The next Faith Development (FD) will be: Sermons by Martin Luther King, Jr. In his book "Strength to Love" are a selection of his sermons. Participants are asked to read this book. James will also send out links to some of the sermons that participants can watch at home on the internet. There will be a group discussion about the sermons and their meaning for our lives today.

This FD series will be four weeks: the last two weeks of July and first two weeks of August. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, on Zoom. To register, please email the church office. Deadline is July 15.

Morgan Scott Backpack Program

Women's Fellowship has sponsored the Morgan Scott Backpack Program for children in the Morgan and Scott communities for many years by donating school supplies or money. This year since we have not been in church due to the virus, we have not set up the display with boxes for items to be donated. However, we do want to continue this worthy program and ask that if you would like to contribute, you can either drop off cash or a check to the church office, or mail it to the church with the notation "[Morgan Scott Backpacks](#)". **Please make your check out to "Morgan Scott"**. When we do get back to church, you could also drop your donation in the collection basket. The money will be given to Morgan Scott the second week in July. Your help in this program is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Mary Zanichelli at 456-6204. Thank you and God Bless You ALL!



Submitted by Mary Zanichelli

How Do You Do....

We are the McArthur's, John and Polly. We arrived in the Glade in 2016 and joined Community Church in 2017 running a parallel path with Pastor James. We formerly attended the Presbyterian Church. John is a true blue Vol having been born and raised in Maryville, TN. Polly however came from deep in the heart of San Antonio, TX. John began his college career as a Forestry major; four years and four colleges later he graduated UT Chattanooga with a degree in Social Work. Polly attended Vanderbilt University and graduated as a Nurse Practitioner. She was one of the first nurses licensed as a Nurse Practitioner in the state of TN. The MacArthur's both started their careers in the Humanitarian arena, Black Lung Clinics, Polly in VA and John in TN. They met in 1976 in a clinic where Polly worked and married in 1977 in Maryland. (Ironically, they were married by a former neighbor of John's who was also on the Board of Education in the writer's school in NY).



After getting married they moved to a farm outside Maryville. The house had been built by John's dad. They lived on the farm for 10 years. During those years it appears they did not just relax. John commuted to UT's Law School (one hour trip each way). He earned his degree and was a practicing attorney for 34 years in the Maryville area. During that time their three children were born. When they became school age the MacArthur's moved to Maryville so the children could attend the schools there. Polly, in addition to caring for the children, had to make sure John was well fed, a major responsibility. The children are now all grown. The oldest, Grayson, is a space engineer in Seattle and he has an 18 month old daughter. Next came Moriah, who works for a humanitarian agency based in France. Finally, Emma, lives in Homestead in one of the original homes and has three children ages 1, 3 and 5. Her husband is currently employed at Edward Jones agency on Peavine. She has adopted G'pa and G'ma to babysit whenever and they love it.

Not to be outdone by the Barrister, Polly went back to school and received her PhD in Nursing (a proud accomplishment). The MacArthur's love all the outdoor activities including hiking, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and all outdoor sports except golf, can you believe it? The writer lives on the same lake and often sees them paddling around. They also have a fishing camp in N.C. Being "newbies", they are still testing the waters. Polly is on the Emergency Response Team. They both led the "Five Wishes" program which certainly caused a lot of us to take a deeper look at life. "We are impressed with the caring and friendliness of the church and community. The church and the community offer strong bonds for all people. Always thinking of ways to be helpful to each other. We feel coming to FFG is like going back to college, meeting new friends and having new experiences."

MORGAN SCOTT needs for JULY:

Instant Potatoes, Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, Toilet Tissue

Any donations can be left in the vestibule near the Fireside Room (the outside door is unlocked). Please give the office a call to let them know you have left items and they will bring them into the church for the Morgan Scott pickup.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN/KEYBOARD

Alan Joseph, Board President

Welcome back! As I write this, in less than a week our church should be open for the first time in months. I should say our church **building** should be open because our 'church' has never been closed. We have been extremely fortunate to be able to bring weekly services into our homes thanks to the internet where people could watch services every Sunday! This production was possible because of many hard-working people and a large donation from an anonymous individual. Some people you see from the camera's perspective and some you don't see at all.

What you do see are familiar faces such as Pastor James in the pulpit, Mary or Brenda at the organ, the liturgist (Jim, Marty, Wendy, or Karen), and our Choir duet (Angela and Austin). Who you do not see is Nancy organizing, Patty setting up the chancel, and Roy or Jim working the camera in the recording booth. There are of course others involved as well. All this for a 45-minute recording for you!

In addition, the quality of our recordings has been substantially improved over the last month thanks to new and better equipment. This improvement has been quite noticeable which hopefully you have seen. An experienced, well-qualified professional has been working many hours installing this equipment from Superior Sight and Sound (Cookeville) ensuring our Sunday worship services continue for all to see.

And this is just a little of what we are doing to keep our church alive. Even with all the limitations because of the health emergency, meetings are still being held and plans are being made for all our future church activities. Whether holding video conferences on computers or conference calls on telephones, the Board and many committees are working towards the day when our church is back to normal.

The operative word here is 'normal'. As we start having services in our church, we will be vigilant because we are still under many health restrictions. The many guidelines we must adhere to are for everyone's safety. Additionally, holding meetings in person is still a restraint to opening up completely. So, bear with us and pray that we will progressively return to the normal life we had before as soon as possible.

Check out Pastor James' blog on the new website!

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Pastor's Blog

REMINDER of SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**RE-OPENING FAIRFIELD GLADE COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Beginning 6/28/2020)**

**Any individual experiencing an illness of any kind or does not feel comfortable in a crowd, should not attend live church services*.*

- 1. Minimize seating in the pews for social distancing to every other pew and in the center pews limit to a maximum of 6 people per pew if they are household couples or 5 people per pew if any are singles. In the right and left pews limit to 4 people per pew if they are household couples or 3 per pew if any are singles. No one will seat themselves. The ushers will seat everyone to satisfy this social distancing requirement. This means you probably will not sit where you normally sit.**
- 2. Have one service and open Fellowship Hall for additional seating to ensure item 1 requirements are met for social distancing. These additional chairs can remain in place since no other activities will take place. Chairs and pews will be cleaned between services. Hand sanitizers will be provided at all church and sanctuary entrances and restrooms.**
- 3. Name tags will not be used and will be boxed up until a later date.**
- 4. Water fountains will be closed; individuals should bring their own water bottles if needed.**
- 5. Coat hangers will be reduced in number and extra hangars stored. Wet coats or umbrellas will not be brought into the sanctuary.**
- 6. Greeters will be the only individuals to open doors. They will stand outside and hold the doors open for people to enter. The doors will then be locked during the service. Once the service ends, the greeters will prop the doors open for everyone to leave the church.**
- 7. Because we are a large group of elderly congregants, everyone will be required to wear a face mask or covering. Masks are not only for our own protection but for others as well. Pastor, liturgist, choir, and musicians will remove masks when entering the chancel area. All attendees of the worship service should bring their own face mask or covering. No one will be allowed to remain if they refuse to wear a mask. Do not remove your masks at any time.**
- 8. No "Passing of the Peace" will be conducted and bibles, hymnals, prayer cards and other paper products will be removed from the pews.**
- 9. Large printed bulletins with hymns will be provided to each attendee by the ushers as they are seated. Individuals should take their bulletins home instead of leaving them in the pews.**
- 10. Collection plates will not be passed through the pews. It is requested that individuals continue the practice of mailing their tithes to the church or using other electronic banking methods. Some collection plates will be stationed at the rear of the sanctuary for those who bring their offerings to the church. The Financial Secretary or her designee will be the only persons to handle the collection plates.**

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11. Sunday service should continue to be recorded and posted on YouTube or Facebook for those individuals who are not ready to attend services at the church. Individual birthdays and anniversaries will be in the bulletin, not be announced by the liturgist, but we will sing the traditional song. Prayers of the people will continue to be conducted as it has been during the recorded services.

12. The choir should continue being Angela and Austin only due to social distancing requirements.

13. No holding hands or touching before, during, or after the service.

14. No fellowship hour after church. Individuals should remain in their pews after service until the ushers release each pew starting from the back of the church. Once released, they should immediately exit the church and proceed to their vehicles.

15. Communion will be Pastor James only. Individuals can partake of bread and wine upon their return to their homes.

16. The church should be open for church services only. No group meetings or outside group usage until further notice. Access to the office during weekday office hours will continue to be by office staff only. All doors will remain locked with access keys removed from lock boxes.

17. Clean up of the entire church will remain the responsibility of the Property and Facilities Committee.

18. *Any individual experiencing an illness of any kind should not attend live church services* and should be included in all correspondence with the congregation.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE OFFICE!!

Please update your email records immediately to the following:

Pat Benegar: ffgcomchurch@ffgcomchurch.org

Laurie Davis: ffgcomsec@ffgcomchurch.org

Thank you for your assistance!

Total Income (Year-to-Date) = \$153,396.53 (includes \$36,011.00 raised for Maintaining God's House)
 Total Expenses (Year-to-Date) = \$142,808.89

The summary of income and expense activity for May 2020 is as follows:

	General Fund ¹	Mission's Fund ²	Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) ³	Pass-Thru Fund ⁴	Strategic Planning Projects ⁵
Income	\$17,122.50	\$1,190.00	\$0.00	\$4,101.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$18,982.14	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,879.19	\$0.00
Transfer to ⁶	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from ⁷	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Difference ⁸	-\$6,859.64	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$1,221.81	\$0.00

PLEASE READ THE NOTES TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE NUMBERS IN THE TABLE ABOVE!

- General Fund** is the operating funds to run the Church and consists of General Contributions from Church members and interest earned through our United Church Fund Endowment and Reserve Fund investments. Expenses include Pastoral and Support Staff salaries; administrative costs for supplies; utilities, building and grounds maintenance; and church committees expenditures. The Difference shown in the General Fund is the result of income received compared to expenses for the month of May.
- Mission's Fund** is the fund used to support our local charities and the Church affiliated organizations (Presbytery of East Tennessee and Southeast Conference United Church of Christ). A portion of the Missions Fund income comes from monies budgeted and transferred from the General Fund on a quarterly basis. The remaining Missions Fund income originates from Church member donations; the sale of Food City Cash Cards; the Kroger Charity Program; Sunday service loose change collections (also known as Dimes for Missions); and three special annual campaigns (One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need/Peacekeeping and Christmas Joy). Mission's Fund income for the month of May was \$6,190.00 (\$1,105.00 Church member donations; \$85.00 from Food City Cash Cards sales; and the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the General Fund). Expenses were \$6,000.00 (\$5,000.00 budgeted and \$1,000.00 unbudgeted). The Difference shown is the result of income received compared to expenses for the month of May.
- Capital Improvement Fund (CIF)**. A Capital Improvement is the addition of a permanent structural change or the restoration of property that will either enhance its overall value, prolong its useful life, or adapt it to new uses. Income for this fund comes from the transfer of money from the General Fund (as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Church Board) and Church member donations that have been specifically designated for capital improvements. There was no income or expenses for Capital Improvement during the month of May.
- Pass-Thru Fund** is to account for money that comes through the Church but is not used to cover any Church expenses. Pass-Thru Fund income for the month of May was \$4,101.00 (\$1.00 for the Library; \$100.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing; and a \$4,000.00 donation from an anonymous source for the purchase of Audio/Visual equipment). Expenses were \$2,879.19. The difference shown is the result of Pass-Thru income received compared to expenses for the month of May.
- Strategic Planning Projects**. There was no Strategic Planning Project income or expense for the month of May. The difference shown is the result of income received compared to expenses for the month of May.
- Transfer to** is the term used to move money from one fund to another.
- Transfer from** is the term used to move money from one fund to another.
- Difference** = Income – Expense + Transfers

Fairfield Glade Community Church
Board Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing
June 11, 2020
Minutes – Draft Pending Board Approval

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Members Present: Meredith Gaffney, Pastor James Janeczek, Alan Joseph, Jim Kime, Barb Kitchen, Roy Koskinen, Judy Moore, Nancy Nowacki, Buzz Nuse, John Schaefer, Marty Smith, John Zanichelli

Members Absent: Ed Freels

Guests: Treasurer Michael Nowacki

Call to Order: President Alan Joseph declared a quorum and called the Board meeting to order at 2:10pm, followed by prayer by Roy Koskinen.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 14, 2020 Board meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Nowacki reported that the church continues to be in a good financial position. Year-to-date income = \$153,397 (including \$36,011 for fundraising campaign). Year-to-date expenses = \$142,809. The General Fund balance of \$66,000 after all May expenses were paid, will provide sufficient funds to address the church's must-pay expenses for the next three months. May's expenses exceeded income by \$6,860. This deficit included the \$5,000 transfer to fulfill second quarter missions' distributions; Computer Medic services for the Office Manager's computer and Pastor's laptop, assistance with the switch from Frontier to Comcast; and higher than anticipated utility costs. The Treasurer's Reports were accepted and placed on file for audit.

Membership Report: Harry Chambon passed away on May 28. Total membership now stands at 257. The Membership Report was accepted as written.

Pastor's Report: Pastor James Janeczek said many church members are coping as well as they can during this depressing pandemic time. He encouraged all church members to continue to contact others in need through phone, email, notes, and other means. He mentioned that many churches in the Glade have not yet opened and those that have are reporting low attendance. Although new ways of attending church services have been introduced, he is happy that everything is working well moving toward our June 28 opening.

New Business:

A. IT Information/Email Issues

Transfer from Frontier to Comcast as the church's internet service provider is complete, and speed is much improved. The issue with sending email should be resolved next week. A **Motion** by Jim Kime on behalf of the Technology and Communications Committee was made to retain Mail's Best Friend who will initially provide set-up of the new domain and email addresses at no cost, and then will provide services for email issues for \$120/year (\$10/month). The **Motion** was seconded by Roy Koskinen and approved. The contract will be forwarded to President Alan Joseph for signature.

B. Reopening the Church for Services

Plans are going forth to meet the target date of June 28 to reopen the church for services. The ERT (Emergency Response Team) is coordinating with other committees to comply with their recommendations to protect our congregants, some of which follow.

- Distancing marks will be on sidewalks. Hand sanitizer will be available. Gloves will not be used.
- All attendees will enter by two doors only – the front door (portico) and the back door (near the Fireside Room). Signs will be posted. At least one Board member along with greeters will be at each door. Greeters only will open doors.

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- Ushers will lead attendees to their pews beginning at the front of the church. Those with special needs will be given their preferred seating as best as can be provided. Using distancing in the sanctuary, approximately 114 attendees can be seated. Based on attendance, distanced seating may be available in Fellowship Hall. If assistance is needed during the service, congregants are asked to raise their hands, and an Usher or Board member will respond.
- Masks are required and will be available for anyone without one. Singing with masks on is optional for those feeling comfortable doing so.
- Only large print bulletins will be available. Birthdays and anniversaries will be listed in bulletins, but will not be announced. Since services are being recorded, privacy is being protected.
- At the end of the service, beginning at the back of the church, Ushers will escort attendees to exit doors. Everyone is asked to take their bulletins home. There will be no fellowship hour.

A “trial run” with the ERT and committee and Board volunteers will be held; date and time will be emailed by Nancy Nowacki.

The church office staff will again send guidelines via email to all who have a computer before the June 28 service. President Alan Joseph reiterated that anyone who is sick or who does not feel comfortable with the guidelines at this time should please stay home. The health and safety of our congregation is our priority.

C. Opening Church Facilities to Outside Groups

Alan said the behavior of outside groups cannot be regulated by the guidelines established by the ERT and approved by the Board. The Board is not prepared at this time to open the facilities to outside groups, but it is being considered on an ongoing basis.

D. Online Church Services

Roy Koskinen reported that online church services began on March 21 utilizing the camera and sound equipment available. Since that time, a Hi Def camera and other updates to video and audio have been added. Peter Reinisch of Superior Sight and Sound, has been making the installations, providing services, correcting deficiencies, and providing some training to our volunteer sound engineers. Approximately \$4500 has been spent to-date, paid by an anonymous donor.

On Sunday, June 28, the services will be broadcast live rather than recorded and shown at a later time. Additional professional assistance is needed as well as audio/visual training. Therefore, a **Motion** was made by Roy Koskinen on behalf of the Technology & Communications Committee that \$3000 be approved for Superior Sight and Sound for training, hiring Peter Reinisch for ten Sundays (June 28 through August 30 at \$100 per service), and completing the installation. The **Motion** was seconded by Marty Smith and approved.

In the future, two engineers will be needed to run the equipment for each service. In order to provide a quality product, if qualified volunteers cannot be found, we may have to hire outside help. The situation will be reevaluated at the end of August.

E. Flag Day – June 14

Alan reported that a commemoration service will not be held, but Dennis Flynn intends to fly all 58 flags (weather permitting). Dennis wrote a very good article about the flags that appeared in three local newspapers. Volunteers can help raise the flags at 8:00am and lower them at 4:00pm.

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Old Business:

Fund-Raising Campaign

Marty reported that \$36,131 (total) was raised; over 90% of the \$40,000 goal for “Maintaining God’s House.” A big “thank you” to all who contributed. The campaign ended May 31.

Committee Reports:

Memorial – The Board said the sanctuary can be used for memorial services after June 28, following ERT guidelines. Pastor James will begin to reach out to the families of those deceased while the church was closed.

Property & Facilities – The drainage and parking lot projects are on track for this summer.

Strategic Planning – Strategic Planning is handling the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. The theme will be GIFT – Growing In Faith Together.

With the exception of the above, no committee updates by Liaisons required immediate attention or action by the Board.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting following prayer by Roy Koskinen. The meeting adjourned at 3:35pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, at 2:00pm.

Submitted by Patty Smith, Minutes Clerk

Church Audio/Visual Equipment Upgrade

If you have been recently watching our Sunday worship services on YouTube, Facebook, or the church’s website, you may have noticed some improvements with the recordings. We have been working on enhancements to our Audio/Video (A/V) equipment to provide our congregation and anyone else viewing our service with a high-quality picture and accompanying audio. These improvements are mainly due to the purchase of a High Definition (HD) Digital camera and the rewiring of our sound system. The improved A/V equipment and recording process will continue to be used when in-house worship resumes so those congregants who cannot attend in person are able to enjoy our worship service in their homes.

More information will be forthcoming as this project progresses and leads to its final configuration.

Submitted by Mike Nowacki and Roy Koskinen