



Brevard First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Board of Stewards Agenda

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6:30PM

Board of Steward Attendees : Harold Barnette, Jay Farrell, Eli McCall, Anna McCall, Mike Harle, Jamie Gilmore, Katrina Cantler, Jeremy Gibbs, Brittany Whitmire, Veranita Alvord

Other Attendees : Timothy Shepard

Start time : 6:33PM

Opening Prayer - Anna McCall

Timekeeper - Debra Gaddy

1. Welcome and Centering (10)

My Story / Testimonies

Brittany W

Jay

2. 2025 Goal Setting Review and Sharing (7) All

- Katrina Cantler
 - My goal relates to The Grow Team. She'd like to find and help someone organize a small group for women who are between (mid 50's to late 60's) years old. She's talked to someone about this before, but no one really wants to start it.
- Eli McCall
 - On the previous board, there were decisions made that transformed the church long term. He'd like to continue that trend for the betterment of the congregation.
- Mike Harle
 - Within the past year, Veranita has put a STAMP on our church staff. He's seeing where the staff is becoming an extremely cohesive group. His goal is for that to continue.
- Jay Farrell
 - Within the Nurture Team, upping our game on visitations. This shouldn't just be staff. We need to improve on what we do to touch our members, of all kinds.
- Veranita
 - Clearer prospective member pathway. To get a couple of people who help us create a more clear pathway for new members. We can measure this, at the end of the year we'll show growth on how many members we have gained. The excitement of baptism and



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new members should be a consistent thing we feel in the church. Potentially we could start passing the offering plates again. We are missing people at the 11AM service.

3. Ministries Updates (10)

Cultivate - Debra

She'd like to understand her job more. Focus on new member ministry, this is a passion of her's.

Grow - Katrina

She's met with Sarah Grace and they made the decision to combine the children and youth council. Every age group is represented, from babies all the way to high schoolers. 5 people have been identified as congregation volunteers, along with you volunteers as well.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 20th after the 10:30 am-NOON Service at the Porter Center

June 6th - Children Decorating for Pentecost

Nurture - Jay

Two times for bell practices. We are a changing culture, we need to make sure to do things differently. The kids' choirs are active and doing well. Singing Saints are meeting but not performing - this is good, we are TOUCHING people in the church. On March 5th, Mark Bailey gave a presentation at CHOW, it was very informative and special. Prayer Ministries :

Tuesday 10:30 am Prayer Group - about 8 people, who meet every Tuesday (apart from MAJOR Holidays)

Stephen Ministries - work on identifying a new leader for Stephen Ministries in the future

Serve - Jamie

Trying to figure out how we are restructuring. Our goal for this year is to hon down to 3-4 unifying projects that we can do within the church. As a committee, we'd like to figure out what it is that provides an opportunity for people to come together as a church body as an opportunity to serve. What are foundational things that are already going on that we can improve on. Summer Literacy - can we continue to serve these families throughout the year? Special Friends - are there opportunities with events like special olympics that we can be in better ministry? Schools Surrounding the Area - where are the needs, where can we fit into that? Brevard College - what are the outreach needs for the college?

We are in a space of investigating, dreaming and talking about new ideas.

The team needs a person who loves to write! Keep information in front of the congregation about what is going on.

4. Develop more openness and communication across the congregation (10) All

Continue to brainstorm and add action (we will revisit this question thru the year)

- Adding information on the new Vertical TV (A VISUAL)
 - Putting a map on the wall
 - Representation of WHO these people are



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- Creative videos!
 - Rather than reading an announcement, some people may want to
- Name Tags and name badges
 - Having a spot for those up in the church, people will forget theirs at home
- Focus Groups within the church
- Less than a sentence/QUICK description of what the ministries teams mean

5. Guiding Principles and Ministries Vision Review (7) Harold Barnette

2025 Calendar Plan for Task Teams-Quarterly Update

Forward sub team members -

Finance- monthly review

Personnel (Staff-Parish)- quarterly review (as needed)

Facilities & Grounds (Trustees)- monthly review

6. Nominations - At Large open position (5)

-This is an opportunity to fill a 2 year term position where there is a void in our congregation. These can be Zoom attendance if desired or necessary.

4. Finance and Budget (5) Peter Johnson

Positive summary, giving has been looking encouraging. Good start to a year that began with a lot of anxiety.

There was a generous pledge that was paid 100% in February 2025.

Spoke and explained pre-planned pledges.

Hurricane Helene Relief Account = \$7,500 **We need to do something with that money. Potentially the Missions and Outreach Team. Potentially a mission trip to Spruce Pine, Old Fort, Swannanoa? I think we have a lot of people who'd be willing to go.

5. Facilities Update (5) Eli McCall

Last Trustees meeting was 2/13/25

- We've started on a to-do list
 - Steeple Repairs
 - Need to plan Parsonage Workdays (*not two weekends in a row*)
 - We still have an open spot on the Trustees

DOT UPDATE



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- Still in negotiations and working with our lawyer

6. Pastor's Update (3)- Veranita Alvord

Staff Retreat Notes- Including Staff Goals

- Safe Church Conference - this past weekend went well!
- Trauma Resilient Class - WCP staff and Sunday School Teachers are attending on 3.17.25 @ 12:00PM
- Summer Literacy Regional Training on 3.15.25 - the impact center out of Chapel Hill are attending - we will be deep diving and training

Sending a formal document to the

Contact the Sheriff's office

7. Closing Prayer - Jay Farrell

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:30pm

End time : 8:03PM