

Ponca City Christian

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
210 North Fifth Street



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Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

FCC Trustees Meet

The Trustees met Thursday, June 10, to review the financial position of the Church's investments. Bob Corbin, Trustee facilitator, along with Trustees Doug Hart, Ron Kreger (via phone), Sheila Kirkpatrick, and Charles Smith gathered in the Fellowship Hall to become familiar with the information and documents provided by Arlene Stauffer, Financial Assistant. Lynda Wilson and Stan Brown were unable to attend; Bob Corbin plans to meet with them at a later date.

The forward thinking of people like Paul & Betty Bunch, Lloyd & Ruth Starnes, and Wenton Stickel have afforded FCC a cushion for unexpected building maintenance, educational opportunities for clergy and laity, and a source of continued charitable giving. We have also been blessed by those who have named us as stewards of memorial gifts. The Trustees are very attentive to the wishes of the family as they consider expenditures from the Memorial Fund.

A legacy gift is a gift that just keeps on giving. Please remember the ministry and mission of FCC as you plan for the future.

Sullivan Done with the Ding-a-lings, Kinda

After almost 30 years directing the handbell choirs of First Christian Church, Marta Sullivan has decided to face the director instead of be the director. This Sunday will be Marta's last Sunday as Director of Handbell Choirs at FCC. Although the view from the congregation will change - we will be able to see Marta's smile instead of the back of her head - Marta's passion for handbells will continue as she joins the choirs as a ringer. A celebration to honor Marta is planned for a later date.

By-Laws Review Continues

A review of the current FCC by-laws is in progress under the guidance of Stan Brown, facilitator, assisted by committee members Earl Ball, Marshall Basham, Ralph Beaty, and Sandy Pendergraft. We are grateful to these individuals who have accepted the task of looking at the details. Thanks to this team!

Lessons Learned from a Power Outage

Last Sunday was a day of excitement, adrenaline, and perspiration. The Church, along with much of Ponca City, lost power just before the 11:00 service. But praising God and sharing His word doesn't require air conditioning or microphones. Who knew we could be so flexible? Although we weren't able to go live on Facebook and we didn't get the entire service recorded, we did get Rev. Maxwell's sermon. The Chancel Choir did an awesome rendition of "Revive Us Again" and both Rev. Maxwells demonstrated a comfort that comes only with reliance on the Spirit and years of "pulpit practice."

Our A/V team is looking at technology that will allow us to continue our online presence even in the face of unexpected events!

So what else did we learn?

- 1) Experience really does matter.
- 2) Battery backups are very good.
- 3) Humor is a great stress reducer.



Service Attendance

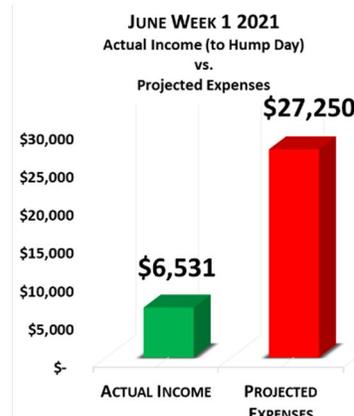
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In-House	70
Live On-Line	☺
Social Media Hits	☺☺

Summer is here . . .



HUMPDAY Report



The graph to the left is a regular report from the Stewardship and Financial Resource Team showing how our actual monthly income to date compares to the projected monthly budgeted expenses. Income data is gathered each Hump Day (Wednesday) prior to the publication of the newsletter.