

## **St. John's Congregational Council Meeting – special meeting**

**July 21, 2025 Room 204**

**Members present:** Aaron Clark, David Clark, Cindy Gonsowski, Abby Johnston, Rachel Katterhenrich, Doug Knisely, Kathy Myers, Bonnie Swanson, Amy Wanner, Paul Wittenberg, Pastor Patti Morlock

**Members Absent:** none

**Opening prayer:** Pastor Patti started our time together with prayer.

**Finance request:** Kathy Myers made a motion to spend up to \$350 from the youth memorial account to purchase Bibles for the preschool and 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. David Clark seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Pastor Patti said ESV is the version that's now being used in service at St. John's and the older kids will receive ESV study Bibles. The Bibles will be distributed at Rally Day on September 7. The motion passed unanimously.

**Accessibility project grant:** Six applications were received by the grant sub-team. Amy Wanner gave an overview of each of them. The team felt two stood out as urgent needs that would also help the churches contribute to the community. Amy motioned to split the grant money between these two congregations, \$5,000 each to Groveport Zion and Mount Zion, pending congregational approval from Groveport. If they do not receive approval, the full \$10,000 would go to Mount Zion. Paul Wittenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed. The sub-team will contact each congregation that submitted an application to inform them of the decision.

**Call Team formation:** Several people have already been contacted and agreed to serve on the call team. Council discussed who could fill the remaining spot and were able to receive an agreement during our meeting time. The voting members of the call team are: Karen Bentley, Dave Grossman, Steve Johnston, Beth Katterhenrich, Kate Shrum, and Neva Warren. It was also discussed that non-voting members may be appointed, such as a council liaison and/or a youth member.

The meeting was adjourned following the Lord's Prayer together.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Review the minutes and respond to Secretary Rachel Katterhenrich within 48 hours with approval/additions/corrections (All council members)

Grant sub-team: contact congregations who applied for the grant

**Next meeting:** Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm in room 103/104