

September Administrative Committee Highlights

The Administrative Committee met on September 12 for its monthly review of church operations. In reviewing our year-to-date financials, concern was expressed that we are leaving our summer months with our giving down over \$4,000 from budget expectations.

Pastor Charlie discussed his next sermon series titled "Preparing the Way." This focus will lead into our congregation's next transition period before our next pastor arrives. Donna Whiskeman reviewed the latest meeting of our Ministry Committee. Going forward, Ministry Teams will be asked to report monthly on their activities to promote communication among council members. Dee Moore presented a request for approval of a freewill offering for a program featuring Kelvin Kent. The offering would benefit the Mission & Outreach Ministry.

Pam Larson presented an update from the PST. While applications have slowed, we are still receiving expressions of interest. The PST has identified several candidates for further interviews and is feeling encouraged about the candidates they have talked to. Pam also indicated that the Worship & Music Team has already started the process for filling any vacancy in the pulpit between Pastor Charlie's ministry and the arrival of a new pastor.

Much of the committee's time was spent discussing safety, security, and emergency planning for UCSJ. Five members attended a FEMA training program promoting the incorporation of faith-based organizations into emergency planning for cities and counties. Previously, several of our members had met with Ouray County Sheriff Justin Perry and Emergency Coordinator Glenn Boyd to discuss the security of the UCSJ facility. Work has begun researching better door locks, security cameras, panic buttons, and other potential security improvements. The full council will address these issues at our meeting in October. If you have concerns or ideas, please share those with council members.

The next **Council meeting is at 9 AM on October 10**. The next regular Administrative Committee meeting will be at 9 AM on November 14.