

## **This Week in the Church**

**6/20 – 7/3**

**Vacation Bible School starts soon!** Please take these next days to invite children to VBS. Please be as committed and diligent in your invitation efforts as the volunteers who have made this event possible in 2021. They are an amazing group of saints!

**The CDC has received a \$37000.00 grant through DSS.** The grant has specified usages for these monies within child care facilities. It is to be used to support those who worked faithfully during the pandemic; it can also go toward utilities. To date those are the two applications Shannon is currently directing grant funds toward.

**Dawn Stewart donated the 65 inch TV we are currently using during Sunday services.** I am going back several weeks, but did not want to neglect this generous donation. The TV is given in memory of Shain Stewart, and is a great improvement in worship. Thank you Dawn for your generosity!

**The Trustees are making plans to store the recent donation of Berea Friendship's smoker and grill, our kitchen on wheels.** The Trustees are exploring storing the smoker inside the UMM's storage closet. Plans currently are looking at placing gutters on storage area, grading to correct years of erosion, and installing a roll up door for access from the outside. Termite damage was also discovered in the storage closet.

**We have heat and air issues again.** BFUMC had four thirty plus year old units in 2018; we now have three still in use, one has been replaced. The unit outside the baby room has been an ongoing money pit, during my ministry here. Trustees are taking quotes and advice on how to best proceed with repairs or replacement.

**Forward Focus is adopted policy at BFUMC.** Administrative Council officially adopted Forward Focus as our vision for the future. With a vision in place every group within the church can contribute toward the effort. A house divided against itself cannot stand. People without a vision perish. I am so glad the church is finally in a position to move forward together! As we invest together our best days are ahead BFUMC. Ad. Council is going to move Forward Focus policy ahead. Our next meeting is 7/20/2021, and the group has committed to focus on the future in upcoming meetings. Our first order of business next meeting is discussing how to bring back church members who have drifted away, and planning for a Homecoming event this fall. Your pastor also proposed an approach for Ad. Council meetings in which discussing, envisioning, planning, and implementing the church's future will always be the primary order of business. This is the purpose of Administrative Council!