

This Week in the Church

7/24 – 7/31/21

PPRC met this week. The main topic of the meeting was to decide a course of action concerning the Administrative Assistant's position at BFUMC. The committee's decision is that an assistant is needed. The position will be posted, and job applications accepted immediately. Applicants will be interviewed by PPRC, and the best qualified person hired. There was a discussion concerning BFUMC staying in line with clergy salary and PTO recommendations as mandated by the Conference. Some of the concerns and questions have since been clarified.

The Trustees met this week. I was unable to attend this meeting. The major topic of discussion was how to best install of heat and air in the gym. Financially we are most of the way there with grants and donations. Two more quotes are being prepared. McGee Heat and Air is coming out this week to clarify questions about their quote. No final decisions have been made. I am always a proponent taking the time necessary to get inputs, and then making the best possible decisions. If seeking more details about this meeting, please ask Dena Nalley.

I began a discussion with Cathy Joens this week concerning grants through the Methodist Conference. There are grants monies available to upgrade sound and video technology in Methodist sanctuaries. We did receive two contractor quotes early this year, both were prohibitively expensive. We are going to get additional inputs from a private individual with expertise in the field. Perhaps we can make upgrades with our own sweat equity over time. If a feasible approach is developed, we will seek church inputs, and apply for the grant if desired. Sound problems seem to be a very present issue in our sanctuary! Many improvements are needed if we want to be relevant in the Berea community now, and in the future.