

## Pastor's Report

November and December 2024

Our Annual Congregational Meeting took the place of our usual monthly BOD meeting in November. So, this report covers the months of October and November.

The months of October and November brought with them some unique challenges. But I am happy to report that we met them head on and handled them with efficiency and discernment. Our first challenge was regarding our Active Membership. It was closely examined in preparation for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We removed six inactive members leaving us with an Active Membership of 76. Additionally, we received the resignation of Carol Boesen from the Board of Directors. The remaining BOD members elected to leave that position open until the Annual Congregational Meeting in November. Thankfully, Carol agreed to complete the Treasurer's Report for 2024 and Budget Proposal for 2025.

In keeping with our Action Plan that was created during our How to Build a Sticky Church sessions in 2022, a weekend opportunity for learning called *Deliberate Christianity* was created and presented by Steve Warren, Calvin Yamin, Way Bailey and Tony Tatum in October. The event was well attended and set the expectation for future endeavors of this type. Thank you to the planning team and all who attended.

Our Hospitality and Community Outreach Ministry Teams collaborated on presenting a Halloween Trunk or Treat event for the neighborhood children. Thank you to all who participated. Given the low attendance for the event a suggestion of offering a churchwide costume party next Halloween was put forward.

The Annual Thanksgiving Feast was once again well attended and offered an opportunity for fellowship to church members, family and friends. Thank you to all who participated.

As we launch into a new church year, I want to encourage everyone to remember that we are all faced with struggles that we do not share publicly. So, let's treat each other with an extra degree of grace and compassion.

In His Service,

Pastor Sara