

Pastor's Report

January 2025

We stepped out into the New Year with expectations of continued growth in our ministry here at Cornerstone MCC. Our newly elected Board members began finding their way and poured themselves into learning their roles. Our Seeds of Faith and Foundations of Faith Team Leaders were rotated off and replaced with new volunteers. Thank you to Amber and Damien Waters for their dedicated service and welcome aboard to Alicia Turner and Kay Hedgepeth. Robert and Raya Engel stepped into the leadership role for our Outreach Ministry Team and began seeking opportunities for service outside of our church walls. I look forward to fresh ideas and energy from all of our new Ministry Team Leaders.

While thinking about Ministry Teams, I am once again looking for someone to serve as our Social Justice Ministry Team Leader. The principle task of this role is to keep us informed about opportunities to participate in actions in the political arena. Given our current political climate, I believe it is important for us to be aware of what's going on but also to participate in civil actions to stand in protest or in support of actions taken by our elected officials and policy makers. An announcement seeking volunteers will begin this week.

There is a feeling of concern regarding our financial situation at the present time. Our safety net that has been held in our Fundraiser Account was almost depleted with the recent concrete work that we had done. While this was the intended purpose of the money, its absence leaves us with little cash reserves to fall back on in an emergency. Thankfully, Mardi Gras season is here and we will begin adding funds to that account again. Until then, we need to be mindful of our spending and emphasize the importance of everyone's financial support for our ministry.