

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON

## Session Highlights

August 21, 2017

**PRESENT:** **Moderator:** The Rev. Scott Foster

**Ruling Elders:** Bill Bowen, Bob Baisch, Janet Foster, Suzanne Flynn, Brian Peterson, Monika Stebbins, Kathleen Underwood and Giorgios Vlamis, Clerk

**Elders:** Cathy Baillie (Church Administrator)

**Guests:** Patrick Allred (Director of Family Ministries)

**EXCUSED:** **Ruling Elders:** Becky Moody, David DePaul, Tom Selquist

**DEVOTIONAL:** Bob offered scripture from Joel relevant to today's solar eclipse.

Rev. Scott Foster called the meeting of Session to order with prayer at 8:25 PM.

There was a quorum present.

The docket was adopted.

Hannah and Patrick Allred were received enthusiastically by Session for membership. A **Motion** was approved accepting the Allreds into membership. Several other potential new members were unable to attend to meet with Session this evening and will be scheduled in the future.

**OMNIBUS MOTION** - Approved.

**Resolved,** Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on June 12, 2017

### **W.I.N. UPDATES**

**Growth Strategy and Children's Discipleship:** Suzanne Flynn provided an update on visioning plans for Rally day. There was an update on improvements to the upstairs church school rooms.

**Path to Discipleship:** Monika Stebbins provided an update on spiritual disciplines that are being evaluated for deployment.

**Planning/Procedures/Process:** Becky Moody was not in attendance.

Monika provided an update on positive attendee feedback from sleepaway participants at Camp Johnsonburg this summer. New ideas for next summer were discussed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Capital Campaign - RENEW:** No report.

**Worship:** A written report was received. There was discussion about summer worship changes

**Christian Education:** Provided with W.I.N. report

**Mission & Service:** There was discussion about community garden plot.

**Community Outreach & Congregational Life:** Refer to W.I.N. report.

**Finance & Stewardship:** A written report was received from report from the treasurer. There was discussion about the level of endowment drawdowns and efforts for stewardship.

**Properties:** There was an update on capital projects underway.

**Discipleship:** See W.I.N. update.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Clerk:** Communion was celebrated on August 20, 2017. Rolls: record Allreds as new members, and the death of Phyllis MacDougal.

**CORPORATE BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS** The Rally Day picnic and planning for Bottle Hill Day were discussed.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** A written report was received. Rev. Foster noted his gratitude for a recent vacation among other updates including Presbytery anti-racism training.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT** None.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM with prayer led by Rev. Scott Foster.