

## Board Corner – September 2023

It is important to the Board that our congregation is kept informed on discussions that are taking place and decisions that are being made for the good of the United Parish of Bowie. Minutes of the board meetings, along with agendas, monthly financial statements and the pastors report, are kept in a binder in the church library.

- In response to increasing Covid Cases, the Board will monitor the school situation and Prince George's County recommendations. It was determined that we would not mandate but strongly encourage the congregation to wear masks and stay home when under the weather.
- The next Town Hall Meeting will be scheduled in October or November. The purpose is to discuss the challenges, opportunities, and options and to determine level of commitment from the congregation for the options. Judy informed board about grants available through the United Church of Christ for church maintenance and programs. She will report back with details and deadline.

The Board has worked in conjunction with Committee Chairs and members on the following activities and events.

- Updating website, church brochure, and posting worship opportunities and activities to Facebook.
- Streaming and broadcasting the weekly worship service and supporting the recent memorial services.
- Providing ongoing food donations to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry.
- 10 Backpacks and an abundance of school supplies were donated to the City of Bowie's Back to School Bash. Attended the event as a vendor, to bring awareness of our local church.
- Annual Stewardship Campaign for 2024, will kick off on October 15, 2023.
- Trunk or Treat will be held on October 28, 2023, 4:00-6:00 PM.
- The annual Advent Wreath making is scheduled for November 26, 2023.
- 2023 Nominating Committee has been established.
- The monthly Chat and Chews have resumed and are being held the last Sunday of the month. Several special chat and chews have been held.
- The Choir has started back up for the fall and has sung at memorial services.
- Options are being discussed for Adult Education.
- Senior Buddies program continues to check on members of the congregation who may be sick or in need of help.

The Board is meant to represent the membership of the United Parish of Bowie. Please feel free to contact any Board Members or Pastor Caroline with your ideas, suggestions and/or concerns. Board Members for 2023 are Jan Barbato, Diane Eades, Judy Farrell, Sue Kennedy, Mary Jo Munnely, Linda Rawlings and Sherita Williams.