

United Parish of Bowie - Board Corner - January, 2024

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 statement and the pastors report, are kept in binder in the church library.

Christmas Play was held in a different style this year (no practice) but it was well received and is being considered to be the way to do it again next year.

Besides making regular food donations to the Bowie Food Pantry, the congregation raised over \$1000 (Giant gift cards and monetary donations) to donate for Christmas meals for those served by the food pantry.

New church board was installed this month. The board welcomed Russ Doughty to the board. The current board members are: Sue Kennedy (Vice Moderator), Mary Jo Munnelly (secretary), Linda Rawlings, Sherita Williams, Jan Barbato, Judy Farrell, Russ Doughty. Cathie Lambert (although not on board) will continue as treasurer.

Pastor Caroline will be on vacation from January 20th - February 3rd with a return to the pulpit on February 4th.

Upcoming events:

January 28th - Chat and Chew

February 4th - Annual Meeting will be held after church where 2024 budget will be voted upon.

February 7th - Ladies lunch will be held at the Olive Garden.

February 11th - "Souper Bowl" - canned food drive collection will take place. Bring in your canned food to "vote" for which team you think will win the Super Bowl. All donations made into the winning teams box will be matched and donated to the Bowie Food Pantry.

February 25th - Next Town Hall meeting will be held. More information to follow.

May 11th - Adopt a pet event and vendor fair will be held at the church to welcome the community into the church. More information will follow over the next few months.

July 22nd - 26th - Art and Music Camp - mark your calendars for this special week.

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.