

United Parish of Bowie - Board Corner - April, 2025

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 pastor's reports, are kept in a binder in the church library.

After getting several estimates, the board hired Blair Construction to replace the church roof. The roof replacement project was completed in March with a cost of approximately \$40K. A \$10K anonymous donation was made and the church was awarded a \$5K grant from the UCC. The rest of the funds were used from the building fund with the board recommending a Stewardship campaign to help replace the funds in the building fund.

A special canned food collection was held in conjunction with the "Souper" Bowl. The congregation donated a total of 42 cans of food to the food pantry.

The lights in the sanctuary have been replaced with new LED lights.

The new Outreach Committee chaired by Marlene Loor put together Valentine's Day goodie bags which were donated to the Bowie Senior Center. The committee is continuing to look for new members and new opportunities for community outreach.

A CPR/AED class is expected to be held in December. More information will follow as plans are finalized.

A spring eggstravaganza was held this month and was well attended. Thank you to all who stepped up to help make this a huge success.

Rev. Caroline Wilson will be on vacation 5/5-5/12 and Scott Wilson will be covering the pulpit on 5/11.

The HVAC unit in the south wing needs replacing and the board approved McCrea Heating and Air Conditioning Services of Maryland to install the unit.

Upcoming events:

Women's Luncheon is held on the first Wednesday of the month at First Watch in Bowie at 11:30 a.m. (5/7)

UPB Women's Circle meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month (5/10)

Chat and Chew is held the last Sunday of each month

Art and Music camp will be held 7/21-7/25 with theme "True North"

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. The current board members are: Sue Kennedy (Vice Moderator), Mary Jo Munnelly (secretary), Marlene Loor, Sherita Williams, Jan Barbato, Judy Farrell, Russ Doughty. Cathie Lambert (although not on board) will continue as treasurer.