

Pastoral report

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Ongoing UMC projects:

- * Prepare for weekly worship.
- * Meet monthly with elders and every other month with Leadership Team, discerning together church needs.
- * Visiting UMC attenders in various ways - zoom conversations, phone calls, walks, shared cups of tea.
- * Send out weekly *Mid-Week News* email, offering spiritual support and community updates.
- * Offer weekly Sharing and Prayer time via zoom where we look at scripture and share from our lives.
- * CATT recommendation and hopeful ongoing implementation
- * Anabaptist study and membership class - with the hope of welcoming new members later this spring.
- * Planning for Lent - Sunday mornings, weekly emails, daily devotional.
- * Working with Laura Litwiller and Bethany Spicher Schonberg on ways to support our families and children.
- * Supporting work of the Creation Care committee in the work toward making our building net zero.
- * Participating in the 9 week study hosted by UMC's racial allies group.

Continuing Education:

- * Participating in an 8 month Compassion Project that uses meditation as a way to strengthen one's capacity to be more compassionate to oneself and others.
- * Acceptance into Eccumenical Center for Clergy Spiritual Renewal - sponsored by a Lily Grant at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Wisconsin. A two year program held both in person and online. Begins July 2022.
- * Considering attending AMC pastor's Spring Study held at Laurelville in April 2022.

Conference and MCUSA involvement:

- * Meet every other month with AMC pastors to offer support and process conference decisions.
- * Attend AMC Faith and Life gatherings
- * Attend MCUSA webinars to learn about the upcoming Delegate Assembly in May 2022.

Local Involvement:

- * Attend weekly SCI (State College Interfaith) group meetings as we prepare to host Afghan refugees.
- * Meet weekly with local pastors for emotional and spiritual support and to process COVID realities.
- * Attend CCU (Campus and Community in Unity) meetings, as well as being a part of the Policy and Advocacy Group that was meeting every other week. Currently PAC is on hold.
- * Active member of COB (Civilian Oversight Board), serving on the Civilian Complaint Process sub-committee.
- * Continue to nurture our relationship with Albright-Bethune UMC by sharing worship together.