

Committee Reports 2026

Intention

The intention is to move from inspiration to practical service, empowering volunteers to take real ownership of the spiritual community's work. By focusing on a ministry-based structure rather than a minister-centered one, we encourage shared leadership and broaden participation in all aspects of the community.



Impact by Volunteer Committee

Hospitality: No Lead

- What is working well?
 - People are pitching in.
- What could be working better?
 - Having a leader to coordinate.

Stewards: John Fanta, Lead

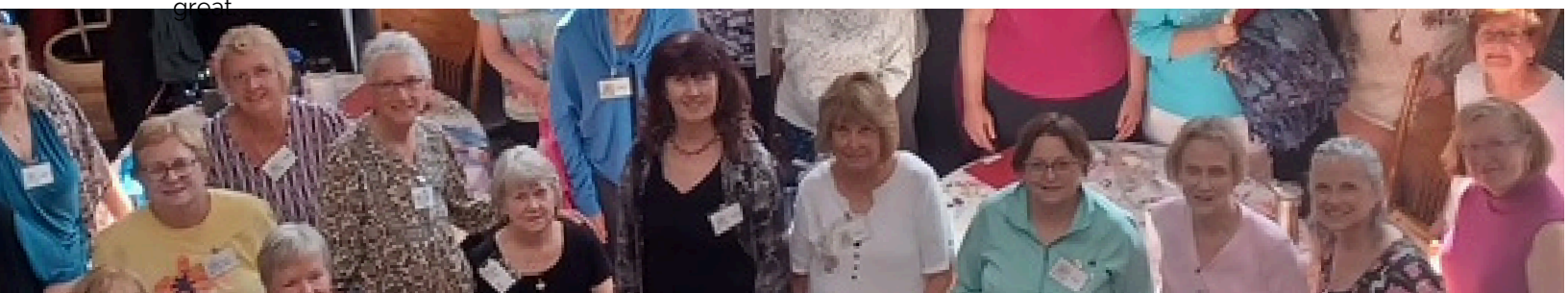
- What is working well?
 - Things overall are working well.
- What could be working better?
 - but could use more people willing to serve.

Tech Team: Phil Ernzen, Lead

- What is working well?
 - The sound equipment seems to be working well. No need at this time for new equipment.
 - While I am the primary person to set up and take down the sound equipment, Gail, Soren, and Joe know how to set up and operate the sound equipment if I am not there.
- What could be working better?
 - If Soren is not there, the tasks will fall more heavily on Gail's shoulders.
 - Having another person who is trained in this job would be great.

Social Events: Sandy Argas, Lead

- What is working well?
 - The Social Events have gone off rather well (except for the movie part of Pasta Palooza-nobody stayed for it).. I do think though, it was a good idea to try it-see if there was enough interest for a different kind of activity.
 - The potlucks and Game Night were well attended.
- What could be working better?
 - More communication needed with the Board on requests for activities and potlucks-that is, how often to have a potluck and the timing of them. I would like to have a discussion regarding them rather than just being informed-this is what we want and when we want it. This can prevent having to have some activities being rescheduled.
 - When the potlucks were very tightly scheduled together (four weeks apart), it was nice to have Diane step in and do one (and I was out-of-town that weekend).



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Prayer Team: Rev. Flossie Erzen, Lead

- What is working well?
 - We have four dedicated members: Jane Fanta, Janice Larys, Mickey Eldridge and Flossie Erzen
 - Our prayer team members show up regularly to pray after the service on Sunday. They are also available during the week. When I receive a prayer request I send out a special request. I also forward prayer requests to Unity Prayer Ministry.
 - Jane and I keep the Blessing Quilt in circulation.
- What could be working better?



Spiritual Enrichment, Janice Larys, Lead

- What is working well?
 - The Healing Circle is in year 2. It is an interactive group focused on reading and discussing a book by co-presenter Carl. The group remains open to any interested congregants.
- What could be working better?
 - Since Susan and Tom, committee member, moved out of the area Janice is the sole committee member.

Valerie McCloskey, Lead

- What is working well?
 - Our greeters have been diligent and are here for their Sunday's ready to shake a hand or give a hug
 - Jane and I keep the Blessing Quilt in circulation.
- What could be working better?
 - Greeter box needs cleaning out I will work on that 1st of July.

Community Outreach: Anne Marie Brady and Mickey Eldridge, Lead

- What is working well?
 - Ongoing initiatives include monthly collections for Song and Spirit, the December Pajama Roundup, and the poncho project. A full storage tub of blankets is currently ready for donation.
- What could be working better?
 - Recommended coordinating with PCAC and United Way's upcoming school supply drive.
 - The Board is reviewing large-scale events (e.g., Mental Health Fair, Pride Outside). Despite their community value, weather challenges and high volunteer demands strain logistics without driving long-term church growth.
 - Miracle League: Group volunteering here was highlighted as highly positive and effective as community service.

Stewards: Jane Fanta, Lead

- What is working well?
 - Jane remains highly responsive via direct contact to coordinate meal schedules and prayer support for community members in need.,
- What could be working better?
 - Newer or irregular church visitors are likely unaware that the Care Team exists.

