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Value Statements

First, let me say the information below is a **DRAFT** (a work in progress) that has been compiled through prayer and discernment by the Vision Team consisting of: Rob Atkinson, Craig Winters, Kim Galbraith, Shelly Yoder, Francie Krills, Maureen Stoneman, Naomi Hutchison, Tom Konst and Pastor Kimberly, which was created to work alongside our Coach Paul Nickerson.

The purpose behind this information is for us to help discern what our church values so the Bishop can make the best decision on the new appointment to our church.

Is this a different process than what many of you who have been through a pastoral change in the past may have used? YES!! However; the Conference has tried this process in other churches with great success.

Your input in moving forward is vital and so we invite you to pray over the values you see on this sheet and give us your **FEEDBACK either in writing or in person** at one of two listening sessions scheduled for Wed. Sept. 19 at YBC and Wed. Sept. 26 at The Bridge both from 6-7:30. This will be a time to discuss these values, how we came up with what is on this sheet and to hear what you might like to add or see different. Please know this is a **DRAFT** that we are starting with, not a finished document.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Kimberly through [email](#)

At Carrollton First UMC/The Bridge, we value:

Obedience meaning we search the Scripture and engage in prayer to discern the will of God for our church.

Bible Knowledge meaning we believe the Bible is the inerrant word of God and commit to studying His word and applying it to our daily lives.

Transformational Worship meaning we believe in offering a variety of worship styles that reach individuals in a way that speaks to their lives through the use of solid preaching, music and media while showing reverence to God.

Spiritual Discipline meaning we experience intimate fellowship with God through prayer, worship, service, study and accountability.

Encouragement meaning we provide ministries both inside and outside the church that build others up and share the love and joy of Christ.

Stewardship meaning we recognize all gifts come from God and we are to use them wisely while sharing them to further His kingdom.

Building Alignment meaning we move by God's leading to be One Church together in God's love.

Scripture: "Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4: 1-3

Summary Statement: As one body, we value these objectives provided to us through the Scriptures that we may biblically create a dynamic environment for authentic worship and transforming personal growth in Jesus.

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REMINDER: Church Charge Conference

Our church's Charge Conference with District Superintendent Bruce Hitchcock is **Sunday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary of Carrollton First UMC. All are **invited and encouraged** to attend to support the transition and ministry.

Transition Update: As directed from coach, Rev. Paul Nickerson, the transition team is working backwards from February 2019 on the transition schedule. Assignments and responsibilities of those involved are listed below.

- **Last Sunday** (January 27) : Rev. Dan Loomis & Pastor Kimberly Arbaugh
- **Celebration** - including all three services : Sue Perry & Jamie (Stewart) Hawk
- **Exit Interview** with SPPRC & leaders of Administrative Council: Kaye Winters
- **Small Groups:** Bill & Doreen Abrahims
- **When the New Pastor is Appointed:** Susie Frew & Marcy Borland

A meeting of the team is to take place Thursday, September 13. Updates will be shared when available.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The latest Carroll County Habitat for Humanity house is finished! Our church is scheduled to handle the Final Clean before the new owners move in.

NEEDED: 5-7 volunteers

WHEN: Saturday, October 6 from 8:30 a.m. - noon

LOCATION: 206 Pennsylvania Ave., Minerva.

If you would like to help, please contact Brenda Stine (627-7404) or Cindy at the church office (627-7671).

Mission Team Update

Designated and undesignated giving to Missions by the congregation over the years is allowing the Mission Team to respond to particular needs by the people and ministries both far and near that we have chosen to support. These donations are in addition to the \$100 - \$150 we send monthly to the nine ministries we support.

In the past year, we have donated money toward a new pontoon boat for Camp Aldersgate, sent Harbor Point Domestic Violence Shelter a large donation as they awaited grant money funding, contributed to the purchase of land and buildings for a nursing school in Choluteca, Honduras, and given toward the purchase of a much needed utility cart for Bright Side Ranch.

At our September meeting, we again reviewed available funds and voted to give the following: \$1000 to Ken and Kathy Keyes with Wycliffe Bible translators (they are living in Dallas now and Ken is doing his brilliant computer-driven translating and problem solving work from headquarters there); another \$1000 toward the nursing school project in Honduras; \$1000 to Thane Ury (we are concerned about the medical expenses he faces as he fights leukemia); and another \$500 to the Domestic Violence Shelter.

In addition, Pastor Kimberly shared what she had learned about the Carrollton Schools CARE Team and the several ways they are trying to meet student needs. One program is called BIB—Blessing in a Backpack. The CARE Team has identified 275 students who are likely hungry over the weekends (these children also receive breakfasts and lunches throughout the school week). Last year and thus far this year, the CARE Team has been able to send a brown sack containing 2 breakfast, 2 lunch, and 2 snack items home in the backpacks of these needy children. Funding for this effort runs out at the end of September. The weekly cost for the weekend food for all 275 children is \$550. Missions voted to send \$1650 to the CARE team, enough to continue the program for three weeks into October. It's hoped that other churches, individuals, and community organizations will donate as they understand the program. CARE also solicits and organizes meeting other needs some students have. Lisa Baker has agreed to work with Cindy in the office to inform our congregations of more giving opportunities for students in Carrollton schools. Please check out the bulletin boards and tables at both Carrollton First UMC and The Bridge for information as well.

The generosity of our faith community allows us to be generous locally and around the world. We, the Mission Team, thank you. Join us please in praying for those we support:

- LeAnn Eyerman and Act Beyond
- Ken and Kathy Keyes with Wycliffe
- John and Daryl Hersh at Tobin Center
- Mariellyn Dunlap Grace with the UMC ADVANCE
- Thane and Laura Ury with OMS
- Devin and Tia Tharp and Bright Side Ranch
- Larry and Angie Overholt with WGM
- Loaves and Fishes—our local food pantry
- The Urban Mission of Steubenville.

Pray that God will use all we give and these who minister in Jesus' name to make disciples for Jesus Christ.



FLAME: Starts Wednesday, October 3, 2018

at Carrollton First UMC

5:30-6 Dinner *together as a family*

6-6:15 Clean up as church family

6:15-7 Worship *together as a family*

7-8:00 Small Groups for preK-adult

Staffed Nursery from 6-8pm

Contact the church office with questions.

Wow, it has already been a month since I began my journey here with you all! This month has been one full of laughs, silly games, ice cream, and awesome conversations. I have loved every moment of my time spent with the students and I am so eager to continue! In the last month the group has grown from 3 students to last week having 13, WOW!! Praise Jesus! However; this is not what I am most excited about. I am more excited about the students faces as the light bulb goes off during our lessons. I am excited that students are willing to be vulnerable in our small groups. I am excited that students step up to pray. I am excited to continue to watch these students (and many more) grow in their relationship with Jesus.

- Naomi Hutchison



Justified Upcoming Events:

October 28th: Skymax trip (RSVP by 10/14 to reserve your spot)

November 11th: Project Feed (RSVP by 11/1)

December 16th: Christmas Party *Watch for more info*

[Email Naomi](#) for more information about Youth Events!

Justified is now on Facebook & Instagram: Justified Youth Ministries!



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