



NEWS

UP FRONT

During the July 20 QBM after the Sunday morning service, the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT) is offering the following motion: The Bylaws and relevant sections of the constitution be changed to eliminate the references to the LCT and the Ministry Teams and their responsibilities.

Any additional proposed changes, unrelated to this (but related to proposed updating) will be brought before the congregation in detail.

This proposal is consistent with the October 2024 QBM when the congregation voted to set aside the Bylaws and Constitution as related to the polity (the LCT and Ministry Teams) and to pilot the new policy where the ALT became responsible for the Administrative Leadership of the church. This vote included the agreement that in July 2025, the congregation would vote on making this polity enshrined in the bylaws and constitution or not.

The ALT consists of ELECTED moderator, vice-moderator, and both treasurers. In addition to elected members, two to three at-large members of CBC and the Pastor. The ALT meets at least twice each month. The ALT serves the church through hosting annual visioning sessions which result in the formulation of a series of Action Steps to be carried forth by Ad Hoc teams in the next year. Additionally, the ALT helps to assure that the Standing Teams are functioning effectively.

The proposal to reimagine the polity came at the recommendation of our past Moderator, John Martin. Major changes have occurred since this original polity was conceived, including a limited number of ministry staff and continual difficulty filling all of the required positions for lay leadership. The new polity reflects a path forward which requires fewer required positions, but opens opportunities for each person in the congregation to participate in one or more Ad Hoc Teams or Standing Teams that fits their talents, desires and time.

Leigh Steiner

COMING UP

7/2 Connecting Women, 10 a.m, Weber Lounge

7/4 The church office is closed for July Fourth

7/5 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m, Merriam Hall

7/19 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m, Merriam Hall

7/20 Quarterly Business Meeting after Church Service.

Church Office

8-2:30 T-F

*The Church office is closed on Mondays.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kumler Food Pantry

When is the last time you brought a can of nonperishable food or a hygiene product to Central for the Kumler Food Pantry? Pick up something this week, put it in the Serve the World Center and continue our generosity from last month! The need is great.

Wednesday Night Dinner Shelter Meals

We provide meals for Contact Ministries through MealTrain. Instructions are on the MealTrain web site. Type this link into your browser to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/yoo5gm> or call the church office at (217) 523-3639 and Rachael will sign you up.

NEWS AND NOTES

Summer Series on the Season Between This Life and the Next

End of Life Issues- Exit Right

On July 20, the second in our four-part series on End-of-Life issues will take place at 9:15 a.m. in Merriam Hall. The July 20 session will feature Reverend David R. Nicholson who is a Board Certified Chaplain and the Retired Senior Staff Chaplain at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. He will be joined by Rev Jerry Phillips who also has extensive training in nursing homes, hospice and hospital settings. They will address spiritually related topics such as: Is it okay for me to be Cremated? How can I address the needs of the family during this season? How do we best handle grieving? and other related topics.

We plan to examine additional topics in August and September (see dates below). For those who would prefer not to deal with these topics at this time, an alternative Sunday School class will be available. A resource table on the topics will also be in Merriam Hall. Topics that will be or have been discussed during the four sessions include:

June 22, End-of-Life Care services available

July 20, Spiritual Issues and related topics at end-of-life.

August 24, Financial and Legal Issues at end of life - what do I want to happen to my resources, wills and trust and legacy giving.

September Date TBA - Preplanning for events following death - including what should happen to my body after I die, and who will take care of my funeral and/or celebration of life, and sacred places we wish to be buried or have our ashes placed/scattered.

We hope you will join us for these sessions that will feature experts from outside the church on each topic. We invite you to bring members of your family or guests to join you in the sessions.

CBC's Ad Hoc Legacy Team

Ross Hodel, John Grisham, Leigh Steiner, Tony Stang, Barbara McKean

BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Ruth Ficke

7/4 Jim Filler

7/4 Linda Meyer

7/11 George Tankersley

7/14 Paula Harwood

7/23 Caroline Stang

7/24 Judi Mills

7/24 John Grisham

7/24 Judy Nichols

7/27 Isaac Alt

7/28 Sheila Zeiger

7/29 Randy Wells

ANNIVERSARIES

7/6 Tony and Lindsay Stang

7/14 Ross and Sheila Hodel

NEWS AND NOTES (Cont)

Picnic at the Muni Fellowship Event

Please join us for a church picnic at the Springfield Muni on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the 8:30 "Shrek The Musical" Performance. Please be on the lookout for additional details.

Muni tickets can be purchased from the Muni website [here](#) through MetroTix, or you may purchase them at the box office starting 90 minutes prior to the show.

There are two ticket options:

Reserved Seating Tickets: \$22.00 (\$25.25 online include processing fee). There are currently plenty of seat options available including handicap seating.

General Admission (Lawn Seating): Bring your own lawn chair or blanket:

Adults: \$15.00 (\$18.25 online)

Seniors/ Military/ Students: \$12.00 (only available at Box Office with ID)

Children: Wednesday is family night with up to 3 children age 12 and under free with paid adult admission.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets as a group, 10 or more tickets receive a \$1.00 discount per ticket or if you purchase 25 or more tickets you will receive a \$2.00 discount per ticket.

We encourage you to invite family and friends to join us for food, fun, fellowship and the opportunity to watch Tiffany Williams and the wonderful local performers as they share the story of "Shrek The Musical"! If you prefer to not attend the Muni performance, we invite you to still join us for the picnic fellowship time.

You may RSVP for the picnic by calling the church office or by filling out the connection card on Sunday morning located inside your bulletin.

Hope to see you all there!

Paula Harwood

Save The Date

You are invited to join us at Randy and Ann Wells home in Rochester on Saturday, September 6 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. We will have fellowship, games, enjoy their wonderful gardens and food on the grill. If you are able to join us, we ask that you please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Connected Pairs

5 'Hard Truths' About Marriage Most People Learn Too Late In Life

Psychologist Mark Travers, PhD says that marriage is a lifelong learning process. He lists five “truths” he has found through studying couples daily.

Some of these truths are:

1. Love alone isn't enough to keep a marriage together. Love doesn't automatically solve differences.
2. You're going to fight... a lot. The absence of conflict usually means problems are swept under the rug rather than being discussed.
3. Your partner won't - and can't - meet all your needs. Expecting one person to fill all your needs is unrealistic.

To learn more, read [here](#).

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