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May 2022

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## **Consistory Highlights**

*submitted by Beth Smock*

Consistory did not meet this month until April 27<sup>th</sup> so complete highlights have not yet been written. However, below are a few of the more significant items Consistory addressed.

- Received a report from Sherry Middlemis-Brown about Angel Mission. The Mission board will be closing on the new Angel Mission building on April 29<sup>th</sup>. They will use the month of May to get the building ready and plan to move into the new building by the end of May. See the article below for how you can help with this effort. Consistory also discussed and approved rental payment for the last month Angel Mission will be in the old building.
- Flood Relief Funds: Consistory approved two requests of \$1000.00 each from members of the congregation still dealing with the cost of repair after the 2018 flood. Any remaining funds in the account will be returned to Presbyterian Disaster Agency to help those experiencing other emergencies.
- Our credit card company increased our limit from \$300.00 to \$5300.00 due to our paying our monthly bills in a timely manner. We did not request this increase, and do not want it. Consistory did decide to increase our limit to \$500.00. Office Manager Smock will contact the card company to decrease our credit limit to \$500.00.
- Building and Grounds Committee recommended the purchase of an electric lawnmower at the cost of \$800 using vonBatchelder funds. Consistory approved this request.
- By unanimous consent Consistory approved putting ZOOM capabilities in the choir room as more people are now using the church and need more ZOOM access.

## Financial Report

### Received in April 2022

Pledge	\$9476.00
Unpledged	\$666.02
Loose Plate	\$40.00

## *In Other News*

### Church Rummage Sale - June 11

submitted by Bobbie Dalquist

If you haven't already started spring cleaning, it's time to start. Our church rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

Please bring your gently used cast offs to the church by 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, or for you last minute people, by Friday, June 10 at 2 pm.

On June 5, after the church service, we need your help to set up tables at the side and back of the sanctuary. That's a good day to bring in your rummage - anything in good condition, but NO clothes. If you have furniture to donate, please send a picture to Bobbie at [rbdalqui@gmail.com](mailto:rbdalqui@gmail.com) so it can be advertised ahead of time.

On June 7 from 9 to noon, we need your help sorting through and pricing the donations. June 10 from 2 to 5 we will move items in the Fellowship Hall. More help is needed then and also on sale day.



Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am-1:00 pm

## Angel Mission

Submitted by Barb Brookhouse

We are so excited about the Angel Mission's move to a new building at the end of May. There are many reasons why this move is necessary, but I won't go into that because they will soon be in the past. **(Editor's Note:** Please see article below for more information.) On Sunday, May 15, when Pastor Peter and family will be gone, Sherry will provide information and pictures of the building the Angel Mission will be moving into. I hope everyone will be present or zooming into the service to find out more about the move.

## Angel Mission

Submitted by Sherry Middlemis-Brown

Our new managers, Terry LaBonte and Mike Quello, are taking on greater independence as they learn the ropes of day-to-day operations. They have done a great job reporting to the board of directors, seeking guidance from board members, referring to the Standard Operating Procedures, and recording clients and expenditures. The board is very pleased with their can-do attitude.

Mike has also worked nearly every day in the past months to empty out four storage units. His attitude has been that if we haven't needed the item in the last year, we won't need it in the next year either. He has found organizations, such as Calumet Players, metal recyclers, and others, who were happy to take the cast-offs. Mike transferred the quality, useful items to free storage at the Rose and Thorn Building on Pine Street, catty-corner from the building we are purchasing, and organized all storage for easy access. Mike's efforts are saving us \$250 per month.

Mike and Terry assisted with two utility

shut offs in April. We assisted with two utility shutoffs and one partial car insurance payment (the client needed the car to get to work!). Terry will start purging the racks in preparation for the move, which also coincides with changing seasonal clothing on the racks. We have seen additional client requests from the food pantry over the last two months. We gave out 19 orders, serving 38 adults and 19 children, in March with two new clients registering. The prom gowns have been available to shoppers for spring dances. We have also assisted Michigan Tech with racks and garments for students with internships and job interviews.

As this article is being submitted to the newsletter, we are signing the forms for a mortgage on our new home, 433 Fifth Street in Calumet. We are excited, but we see a lot of work ahead. Taking such a big step is a bit unnerving, but every time one of us has a bout of trepidation, some new challenge occurs at the location we rent. I think that God is encouraging us to take this leap of faith.

We will put everything in place needed to move into the building by the end of May. Volunteers are welcome to help with any of the intended work:

- Bathroom on-demand hot water, floor covering, and fixture installation
- Main lighting and power outlets on first floor
- Floor covering (food pantry, store floor, storage)
- Trim windows and doors
- Utility room (remove toilet and finish as a work area)
- Making the move at the end of May

Please contact us with your interest and expertise and we can arrange volunteer times. You can reach us through church volunteers, Jim, Sherry, Lois, and Barb, or on our website, [ccanglemission.org](http://ccanglemission.org).

Contractors will complete the following work:

- Wall and ceiling painting
- ADA concrete ramp & railing (50/50 grant requested from Portage Health Foundation)
- Outside cellar entry
- Roof replacement on the shingled, pitched roof
- Siding replacement

CCAM would gratefully accept recommendations for contractors to do the above listed work.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Angel Mission. We could not do this without your kindness and generosity.

### May's Funny

Live so that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

*Will Rogers*

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<b>May Volunteer Schedule</b>
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Writer</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
05/01	Ann & Greg	Christina	Jim	Lois & Mark
05/08	Barb & Jon	Beth	Carl	Barb & Jon
05/15	Judy	Ann	Greg	Ann
05/22	Jon & Brian	Dianne	Barb	Bobbie & Judy
05/29	Nancy & Dianne	Lois	Barb	TBD