

## **AGLC COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2024 AS REPORTED IN OCTOBER 2024**

### **Christian Education**

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For the Elementary side of Christian Education:

We have had an increase in Sunday School attendance as we incorporate preparations for the Children's Christmas Program with our regular lessons. We've had a recent average of 14 students. We have a costume fitting after worship 11/17 and a dress rehearsal on 12/7. The Program will be on 12/8 and the following week, 12/15 will be our final lesson and end of the year celebration. We have also transitioned into a digital subscription for our Sunday school curriculum which will allow us more flexibility in selecting lessons and save us money each year. We will have a work-day in January (January 5) before kicking off again on January 12th.

Submitted by: Vicar Christine

### **Fellowship**

#### **Fellowship October 2024**

First Saturday of each month (11/2, 12/7 etc.) Men's Breakfast

On November 21st, Jared Johnson and Abiding Dude volunteers are cooking chickens and hams provided by Good Shepherd for their Community Meal

On November 23rd Abiding Dudes are cooking turkeys and hams as ordered (see AGLC Newsletter). Funds will go to Good Shepherd Outreach.

December 1st Pie Sunday

December 8th Advent Lunch (after service). This will be the Sunday of the Children's Christmas Program.

Upcoming Events:

January 18th, 2025 Chili Cook Off

February 15th, 2025 Valentine's Dinner and Talent Show

March 5th, 2025 Ash Wednesday

May 3rd, 2025 Mother's Day Brunch (Secret Sister Reveal??)

## Member Care

### Member Care AGLC Council Report

OCTOBER 2024

#### Attendance

\*Attendance Counts – binders collected by ushers that members and visitors sign during the church service. Usher count is the “official” count. Jo Kruzel, AGLC Office Manager, inputs the attendance count into Breeze which is the website to identify the number of members and visitors that attend church each Sunday.

\*Visitors – visitors are signing into binders but may not include their contact information in binders so while they can be added into Breeze to track their frequency of visiting. It is not possible to send “thank you” for attending note/message if they choose not to provide contact information.

\*Online numbers are probably under-represented as it is based on people who sign in online or who check in on Facebook live in the comments section.

\*Total Count: In-person (members and visitor) plus online worshipers (that can be counted)

	OCT 6	OCT 13	OCT 20	OCT 27
In Person	144	114	133	151
Online	13	18	24	22
Total	157	132	157	173
Visitors	12	7	12	29

**MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE:** Member Care met on Sunday, October 13. Linnea Wolters led the meeting as Marie Klym was out of town.

**HOME MAINTENANCE HELP:** Paul Payne reported that they have had one member call in need of help on a small project.

**ENCOURAGEMENT (HOMEBOUND MEMBERS):** Members of the committee will bring a fall treat (loaf of pumpkin bread or another flavor) and an Advent devotional to each member on the homebound list. This will be done the first week of November. During the Christmas season, plans are being made to collaborate with the youth to go caroling at the homebound members home and bring Christmas cookies baked by the Member Care committee. This date has yet to be determined. Susie Henning has made beautiful bookmarks that she has donated for the Member Care to give out as well.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Stephen Ministry met on October 14. They have assigned a Stephen Minister to a new care receiver.

**VISITORS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:** Welcome notes are being sent to first time visitors. Pam Berg will make postcards with dates and times of the Advent Services and other events that may happen during the holiday season. These will be placed in the visitor bags that are given out.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** New Member Sunday will be held December 8, 2024.

Submitted by Marie Klym, Chair of Membership Care

## Outreach

### Outreach Report

#### Good Shepherd Community Thanksgiving Luncheon

We will be partnering with Good Shepherd to provide a Thanksgiving Lunch on Saturday, November 23.

Two Shifts: 9:30am - 12:00pm and 12:00pm - 2:30pm

Also need people to help prepare sides on Thursday November 21 and Friday November 22

We are collecting food donations for Good Shepherd's Fish and Loaves Pantry

Need people to help deliver food baskets to Good Shepherd on Thursday November 21

#### GRACE Take One Leave One Adoption

We have expanded our "oil for GRACE" to better support GRACE community by adopting one of their Take One Leave One boxes located at Feed Our Kids site (610 Shadybrook Drive, Grapevine) to fill with canned/boxed foods for families to access outside of pantry hours. List of items on sign next to collection box and also in Wednesday Connections. There is also opportunity for individuals/families to adopt the TOLO each month to help with

delivering donated food to the TOLO site. So far, families have signed up to adopt the box for November and December

### **Upcoming Events:**

Christmas Caroling Assisted Living Center – Sunday December 15, following service

GRACE Transition Unit Christmas Party – Friday, December 13 6:00 -8:00pm

San Gabriel Christmas present drive

Serving Our Seniors Monthly Luncheon – Tuesday January 15, 9:00am -1:00pm

### **October Special Offering**

Still waiting on final amount but special offering will be going to Susan Canole Foundation

Submitted by Lori Anderson, Outreach Chair

### **Personnel**

No report submitted

### **Property Committee**

#### **AGLC Property Committee Minutes**

##### **AGLC Property Committee Minutes 11/4/2024**

**Attendees:** Tim Scheutz, Ray Morrell, Alan Kohutek, Craig Williamson

##### **Old Business**

Second floor office renovations have been gifted by a member: Work is underway

Hire lawn and/or garden maintenance. Grounds care expenses are included in the 2024-2025 budget. Ray and Guy found their vendors were unwilling to provide gardening services only and have approached youth in the Congregation.

Lights for the cross in front of the Church: Tim plans to move the existing light to the end of the Abiding Grace sign.

Youth building porch cover: The project is complete, except a torn section of siding available at Home Depot for \$8.45 for a 24" section. Home Depot does not have the panel in stock.

Repair of 3 pole lights. Repairs on 5 lights were completed by Dallas Sign and Lighting.

Doors on the South side of buildings require maintenance and painting. Paul and Guy completed 3 doors.

Proposal for Sanctuary lighting and control panel. Alan requested a quote for the first phase from Infinity and expects their response 10/15/24. The Council approved the work and the vendor will complete in the next 90 days.

Vendor Folder: Tim will start loading his information then work with Christine for additional agreements and past invoices. Not yet begun.

Mingus flower pots: The Scholtz's have taken responsibility for plants in the Sanctuary porch area.

AC is not circulating well in the Education building: The AC vendor balanced airflow in the Education building while here installing new AC units

A poisoned pest was found in the closet in the Nursery. ABC set traps and no additional pests have been found.

2 Replacement AC units were installed in the Sanctuary and a third unit was repaired.

Council and Alan have requested a prioritized list of ongoing and on hold property projects. Craig will update monthly and include with Property minutes.

Paul Payne asked us to consider a rainwater conservation system and planting Buffalo grass. Paul was encouraged to obtain further information on both suggestions to improve lawns and reduce our water bill.

## **New Business**

Paul would like to replace the 3 hoses and nozzles on the Office building. Craig will purchase 2 new hoses and nozzles

The dead hedge plants need to be removed. Craig and Ray will complete this month.

Add tool hangers to the shed. Craig will complete.

Submitted by Craig Williamson, Property Chair

## **Stewardship and Endowment**

Meeting Minutes from October 27:

Only had four members attending.

Briefly discussed upcoming Wills and Trust congregational seminar. Part II scheduled for Wednesday November 13. Invite/information being sent to congregation for signup with dinner.

Brief financial discussion and discussion on recent endowment distribution and how well it had been received by all.

Brief discussion on focus for 2025 - and endowment for coming year.

Brief discussion on Vision Campaign and need to discuss next steps. Review of data gathered.

Next meeting scheduled for end of month

Submitted by Michael McClement

## **Worship and Music**

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Worship and Music Committee is in full swing preparing music for the Advent/Christmas season and decorating the sanctuary on November 24th. Participation is at an all-time high in our music ensembles, including several youth musicians!

Submitted by Vanessa Crixell

## **Youth Group**

### **Youth Committee Report**

Youth Group continues to meet weekly. Some weeks we have 1, some weeks we have 10. Youth Group had Ashley Miller as a speaker and will have Kristen Etheredge as a speaker. Confirmed 7 on Reformation Day. Looking into summer camp options for high schoolers.

Submitted by Pastor Nick

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