

September 14, 2021 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Pastor Jeff's Sabbatical

- Pastor Jeff relayed to Consistory that the sabbatical provided all that he had hoped it would. He was able to read and study, worship, rest and exercise, and spend time with family and friends. He will be writing a formal report to Classis, and asked for input from Consistory.

Partnership with Griggstown Reformed Church

- Worship Time – Concerns were expressed about the current 9:00am worship time at BRC. Those concerns included the decline in number of Sunday worshipers, and the inability to grow. Options were discussed and it was decided to work with GRC through our Yoking Team to explore those options further.
- Re-activation of Yoking Team – It is the desire of Consistory that the Yoking Team be re-established to discuss the future of the partnership with GRC. Sam Prince, Sonya, Hunt, and Mark Smith agreed to represent BRC, and Bernice Van Nostrand will be asked to join as well. Jeff will reach out to GRC to ask them to also assemble a yoking team for future joint discussions.
- Financial Outlook - BRC Treasurer, Jean Beachell, attended the meeting and presented a financial picture of the church and how GRC's monthly payments for pastor services influence our finances. She will formalize her report and present it in writing so that Consistory has all the information that it needs in order to make future decisions about the partnership.

Restoration and Properties

- All Wildlife will begin the process of excluding the bats the week of September 21. Attic clean-up is expected to occur in late October or early November. Consistory identified the next projects: major organ repair, repairing and repaving the driveway, and painting interior areas of the sanctuary.

Worship

- Barb A reported that the Worship Team is recommending that we add back into the service the responsive Call to Worship, the unison Prayer of Confession, and the unison Prayer of Dedication. Consistory approved the recommendation.

Sinterklaas

- Barb R reported that there is interest among members of the congregation in holding a Sinterklaas event on December 11, with the following booths taking part: Soup, Baked Goods. Crafts. And White Elephant. Consistory approved the request with the understanding that Covid precautions would be in place (masks required, no food or drink). 20% of the proceeds will go to the Missions Team for distribution.