

Executive Summary

Inreach and Congregational Care Committee Meeting

February 8, 2024

In person and via Zoom

1. Topics discussed
 - a. Committee members considered the December 2023 and January 2024 metrics. One highlight was the 46 care packages sent to our college-aged members. Valentine's were made by the Card Ministry team. Amped groups assembled the packages. The mailing also included a small bag of ashes assembled by Pr. Dara and Pr. Sheryl and a note of explanation for their use on Ash Wednesday. Thanks to Eric Holmer for catching Ronda in the office putting the postage on the packages and creating a nice social media post.
 - b. Vern gave Board Representative report
 - c. Reviewed Name Tag Sunday which was held on January 28th, concurrent with RIC Sunday. Congregation is used to stopping at the table to complete a nametag. It was good to have the opportunity to invite members to include their pronouns. Most are in a hurry to get to the worship service.
 - d. Heard from committee members who attended the February 6th Committee Leadership event. Reviewed the Transition Task Force's role and timeline for the lead pastor search. Reviewed the sunsetting of the Strategic Plan Pillars.
 - e. Reviewed highlights from Pr. Sheryl's report to the Inreach Committee. Stephen Ministers have stepped up to make phone calls to church members recovering from illness or injury and visits to members who are rehabbing at an area nursing home. These calls and visits have been well received. The committee will continue to hold the pastors and staff in our prayers during the searches for an interim and new lead pastor.
 - f. Next New Member Class to be held Sunday, February 25th at Verona campus following worship.
 - g. Committee agreed to send thinking of you cards again this year on Mother's Day and Father's Day to members who have lost a parent during the past year.
 - h. Set the next committee meeting date as Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6pm.
2. Requests for board approval - None at this time.