



Church Council

Meeting Date: January 29, 2017
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting Place: FLC 837

2017 Council Schedule: January 29 • April 2 • June 25 • September 10 • November 5

Mandarin United Methodist Vision

To be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Mandarin United Methodist Mission

To connect people to Jesus' love by

- **Inviting people to know Christ and to make him known.**
- **Caring for people to show Christ's love.**
- **Discipling people to grow in Christ.**
- **Sending people to go with Christ in service to others.**

Attendance:

John Russell	Phillip McDowell	Suellen Kinsley	Grace Rogers
Dan Davis	Ron Brooks	James Hurley	Caroline Daguinod
Brantley Davis	Donna Jeanne Brooks	Linda Hurley	
Andrea Vrtikapa	Tim Cooke	Traci Thomas	
Debbie McLeod	Allison Lawlor	Rick Thomas	
Jeff St. Clair	Sarah Colley	Gerri Russell	
Will Wold	Chris Pillay	Rick Smith	
Mike Groos	Chuck Bolen	Dave Ehrlich	
Val Newsome	Jeff Hayes	Jean Ehrlich	
Joe Purvis	Jim Clark	Byron Goede	
Susie Purvis	Sandra Clark	Sandy Strickland	
Jim Fiedler	Gene Strouse	Susie Curts	
Bill Gardner	Sheila Strouse	Mike Overton	
Jan McDowell	Janson Kinsley	Sarah Gilbert	

Total - 44

Minutes:

Opening Prayer- Pastor Will Wold

Call to Order- John Russell called the Council to order at 6:01.

Devotion- John Russell presented a devotion from *The One That Got Away*.

Introductions- Dan Davis introduced the Church Council Class of 2019.

Role of the Church Council- John Russell discussed the role of the Church Council as spelled out in the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*.

Past Stewardship of our Time, Talent and Treasure

- The November 6, 2016 minutes were approved.
- Dan Davis presented the nominations report.
- Jeff Hayes delivered the Finance Report.
 - The pledges for 2017 are still being accounted for.
- Chris Pillay delivered the Stewardship Report.
 - MUMC has received \$1.36 million thus far.
 - However, there is a goal of \$1.5 million for 2017.

- The Stewardship Committee is working on a way to make their presence felt year round.
- Pastor Debbie McLeod delivered the Pastor's Report.
 - MUMC experienced an arson threat on December 13, 2016.
 - JSO was called and opened a case file for this incident.

Opportunities to Share our Time, Talent and Treasure

- Pastor Jeff St. Clair delivered an update on the CR 210 Initiative – *Longleaf @ 210*.
 - Since the last Church Council meeting, there have been two community activities.
 - The marriage group gained four more couples.
 - Small groups are growing at a slower rate from the other events but still continue to see an increase in attendance.
 - There are five more events planned for 2017.
 - John Russell co-leads a devotion group on Tuesday mornings.
 - Nick Morcom leads a group called Gospel 365.
 - Jenifer Linder is working to establish a Ladies Craft Night as a new Fresh Expression.
 - Kayaking with Jeff is continuing to grow and see more community members.
- John Russell presented the Tactical Team update entitled *God's Vision, Our Dreams*.
 - Over the past 12 months the Tactical Team has been employing the *Appreciative Inquiry* tool in the MUMC visioning and planning process.
 - Through the AI process, the MUMC Family has indicated the strengths of the church lie in four categories: *Worship and Sacraments, Discipleship, Meeting People Where They Are/Faith Sharing, and Serving Others*.
 - He described the various activities/initiatives that would be implemented to leverage those strengths.
 - The Florida Conference has offered MUMC a grant over 5 years for \$500,000 to expand the capacity of MUMC beginning July 2017.
 - The Florida Conference has offered to offset a portion of the costs required to start up the *Longleaf @ 210* Initiative beginning July 2017.
 - The Florida Conference has also offered to provide a Minister in Residence beginning in July 2017.

Closing prayer and Benediction - Pastor Debbie McLeod closed the Church Council meeting with a prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Gilbert, Secretary