

## Parish Council Meeting

August 30, 2023

In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Annmarie Pendola, Linda Ladd Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Scott DeSantis.

Moderator, Bruce Weaver convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Ministry Team members provided brief updates.

Council discussed returning to the sanctuary on 9/10 and staffing for the Live Stream. After the service, there will be congregational meeting to give the congregation an update about the search for a designated pastor. Council suggested speaking with some parents to get thoughts on Faith Formation programming since we currently do not have a Faith Formation director.

Annual Meeting and Calling a Designated Term Pastor: Council decided to hold Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Council will recommend that the congregation call Rev. Thomas Bentley to become our Designated Term Pastor. Rev. Bentley will preach on Oct. 1, and the congregation will vote on Council's recommendation to call Rev. Bentley at Annual Meeting in addition to the regular Annual Meeting business. There will be a "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, September 30 from 3-5 to provide an informal opportunity for parishioners to meet Rev. Bentley.

Treasurer, Jeff Law and Financial Secretary, Jim Marshall provided year-end financial information. Jeff outlined the FY 2024 budget which Council approved for presentation at Annual Meeting. Centre Church received a substantial bequest which will be moved to the 1720 Founders Fund (endowment fund).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary Pro-tem