

Covington United Presbyterian Church Coaching

2022 Congregational Vitality Grant Report

The funds from this grant are currently being used to learn about ourselves and how to communicate better with the congregation. We have currently met twice as a group of session members, and the pastor with our coach has also met twice.

We have begun to understand how coaching can help us to formulate a goal that is big enough to make a difference and small enough to accomplish.

Current attendees are Carol Hirsch, Dave Chamberlain, Chuck Toal, Rick Noble, Pat Lockwood, Ann Shephard, and Christine James. These are current members of session plus our pastor.

We have seen progress in our meeting with the property managers. We had a joint meeting where we set goals, a timeline and a budget and also plan for a capital project to achieve the necessary funding. Specific people had specific assignments. This was a major step in planning our future, both as a building, and as a congregation. Our next steps are continuing to meet with our coach, where we will learn about who we are as a session, as a congregation, and as a part of the larger Presbyterian Church. We have also decided to meet with each of the standing committees, one at a time during the year.

We have just begun our faith journey as seen through the lens of coaching. We have an opportunity to look forward to greater understanding of ourselves of our church and our denomination.

We have had our first informational meeting where our head property manager led a tour of the areas that need work. There were approximately 20 people at the meeting. Pledge cards have been mailed to the congregation with an explanation. Our clerk spoke in worship to encourage people to come. There are posters at each place mentioned in the campaign, and the campaign is based on three Rs: Repair, Replace, and Recharge.

We have learned to phrase and think inclusively. The more people know the more likely we can move together in a forward motion as a congregation, and as a good neighbor, and as a part of our presbytery.

We feel God's presence in our sharing of the burden, session, property, managers, and the congregation as a whole. Our service yesterday reminded all of us that we drink from living water and that God has met us at the well. The last sentence in our letter sums up, "Only by working together as a family of God can we accomplish such lofty goals."

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