

Greenbank/ Seagrave Joint Session Meeting Agenda
Thursday November 21st 2024 2 p.m. Greenbank Church

Attendance

Seagrave: Betty Lou Beacock (Clerk) Wendy Hudgins (Clerk), Betty Somerville.

Greenbank: Barb Ward (Clerk) Margaret Ann Lamb, Wilma Smith, Carla Puckrin, Patrick Dwyer, and Supervisor Reverend Anne Meredith

Regrets: Hilary Balmer, Darlene Hallet, Linda Buscher

- Barb Ward called meeting to order at 2:05pm
- Minister Ian led opening prayer
- Pat Dwyer volunteered to take minutes for the meeting
- Adoption of agenda for this meeting was moved by Wilma, seconded by Carla, and carried.
- Adoption of minutes from September 19th 2024. Moved by Margaret Anne, seconded by Betty Sommerville. Carried.
- **Old Business:** Pastoral outreach and phone lists for emergency and contact information from Greenbank and Seagrave.
 - lists are updated for both churches
 - Betty Lou mentioned Seagrave has some corrections needed.
 - Barb would like to have the Greenbank list reviewed nothing is missing
- **New Business and Updates:**
- **Greenbank Food Update by Patrick**
 - Food Bank officially closed on November 14. We were open Monday through Saturday. It was well used this year. We benefitted from many food and monetary donations to keep it going. Thank you everyone for their help and thank you to the volunteers who helped put it out daily.
- **Greenbank Affirming Update by Patrick**
 - We have the Affirming anniversary service on Sunday, November 24. Our guest speaker is Wilde Ferris who will speak about their own faith journey and the importance of Affirming ministries. We've recently applied for two grants: one to winterize the food bank and another to help fund marketing efforts by our church (up to \$10,000). We're also working on plans for the 100th anniversary of the UCC and intend to apply for the grant to support that for \$5,000.

- There was a question about who is eligible for the grant. Each congregation can apply for the grant separately.
- **Seagrave Affirming Update: Wendy**
 - No updates at this time.
- **Sunday School Greenbank Update: Patrick**
 - The Sunday School children are having a great year. They've recently
 - Keeping kids a bit longer this Sunday to read Affirming statement with kids there. They will be performing a skit and a song at the December 7 performance. They started practicing on Sundays during Sunday School. Nancy Rensink will be doing a puppet performance with some grade 7/8 aged children from the community.
- **Halloween Update: Barb**
 - Handed out candy in the basement. Had about 50 kids. People appreciated the use of the washroom.
 - Rick handed out candy at Seagrave and reported a good turnout.
- **Upcoming Services**
 - November 24th Greenbank Affirming Service
 - December 1st Seagrave 1st Sunday in Advent (Hanging of the Greens)
 - Ian plans on sticking to tradition of hanging of the greens. A more music-based service with lots of carols. It gives opportunities for the kids to participate by hanging the decorations on the tree while explaining the symbolism to them. We will also do some carols.
 - Ian will help find advent readers in Seagrave and Barb will assist with readers for Greenbank
 - December 8th Greenbank 2nd Sunday in Advent (Possibly Communion)
 - need someone to assist with communion
 - December 11th Tinsel and Tear Service 7 pm in Greenbank
 - -Need someone for projection and sound but no livestream
 - December 15th Seagrave 3rd Sunday in Advent
 - Linda is planning music service for this Sunday on the Hope of Christmas. A cantata
 - December 22nd Greenbank 4th Sunday in Advent
 - Potential communion date if the 8th does not work. Could do a tacky sweater Sunday?
- December 24th Seagrave Christmas Eve service

- Service with wagon rides as usual. Wagon rides from 4pm to 5pm. Shorter Christmas service at 5pm.
- December 24th Greenbank Christmas Eve service
 - Service at 7pm. Re-tell the Christmas story through scripture and plenty of singing. Might make some bulletins for the service
- December 29th Seagrave 1st Sunday after Christmas
 - might do a hymn sing service and a reflection rather than a sermon
- January 5th Greenbank Epiphany Service
- January 12th Seagrave 1st Sunday after Epiphany
- January 19th Greenbank 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
- January 26th Seagrave 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
- February 2nd Greenbank 4th Sunday after Epiphany
- February 9th Seagrave 5th Sunday after Epiphany
- February 16th Greenbank Transfiguration Sunday
- Note: next communion will most likely be during Lent
- **Items to discuss from Ian :**
 - **Study group in New Year**
 - Conversations about studying a podcast with biblical study methods that focuses on Harry Potter. Would have 5 or 6 sessions. This is an opportunity to develop Ian's skills for leading study groups. In the future we could tackle different topics and forms of studying
- **Upcoming Events:**
- **Seagrave Church: Saturday November 30th Craft Show**
 - -will have raffle baskets and vendors are full
 - ladies of Kings Bay will be selling and donating their proceeds to Seagrave Church
 - open from 10am to 3pm
 - setting up tables on the afternoon of November 27
- **Greenbank Church Saturday December 7th Christmas Music Evening.**
 - begins at 7pm
- **Other business to be added:**
- **Passing of the Collection Plate**
 - should we go back to passing the collection plate? It was suggested that people forget when it's not passed.
 - suggestion of the greeters to also pass the plate

- Will be passed on to local boards for discussion
- Chairing of Meetings
 - alternating the responsibilities of chair for the meetings between Greenbank and Seagrave for future meetings
- **Tabled Items:** Nothing brought forward
- **Date and Time and Place of next meeting:**
 - Wednesday, January 22 at 2pm at Greenbank
- Closing Prayer by Ian Wilgus
- Motion to Adjourn by Wendy and seconded by Margaret Ann