**Holy Trinity UMC Core Team Minutes**7/28/2025

**Present:** Pastor Leigh Brown, Paula Green, Carol Ottoson, Tina Chant, Amy Tasto (SCA)

**Opening Prayer**

**SCA Proposal:** Amy is proposing SCA have use of additional space in the upstairs of the parsonage (all rooms except the family/dining/kitchen area.) In exchange, they would sell two of their trailers (which are currently used for storage) and all proceeds would go to Holy Trinity to help offset the cost of the new air conditioner/furnace which was recently installed in the parsonage. This arrangement would be through the end of their current lease, after which a new lease would be negotiated taking into account the expanded use of the parsonage.

After Amy left, the Core Team discussed and agreed this arrangement should be considered. The trustees with be consulted as well as the 12-step groups who currently use space in the parsonage, and then a final decision will be made.

Amy also presented several other things they are currently doing or have planned for the coming months including giving fresh meat to clients once a month (donated from Cub) as well as giving fresh, weekly produce, bringing in another social service agency one day a week (head start, public health, family resource center, etc.), hosting a winter coat distribution and Santa Night. Holy Trinity will be donating produce from our garden to SCA clients as well.

**Finance Report**: No report this month.

**Family & Youth Update:**

**Open Staff Position**-applications received did not result in a hire. Still looking for applicants and trying new places to post the position.

**Youth Events**-Glendale and HTUMC will alternate every other month hosting Sunday Fun Day. Glendale has a trip to Valleyfair planned for August 10 after church and HTUMC youth are encouraged to attend.

**Kids’ Ministries**-Pastor Leigh is planning to get the kids’ ministry leaders and families with young children together to discuss the upcoming return to Kid’s Church this fall, as well as plan a social dinner for young families to get to know each other better.

**I-Team and Radical Hospitality:**

Disability Awareness Sunday was held on July 27. Wheelchair rides were given to determine the accessibility of the church, people were encouraged to use the lift, and there were tables set up in the fellowship hall with displays on vision, hearing and learning disabilities. Everyone was encouraged to leave a note with what they thought Holy Trinity could do better to improve accessibility for all.

August is Memory Loss Awareness month. The I-Team plans to have information available for those experiencing memory loss as well as those who are caregivers. They are also planning a program/activity regarding memory loss on Sunday, August 24.

September is Neurodiversity Awareness month with activities planned for September 21.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Core Team meeting will be held on Monday, August 25 at 6:30 pm.