**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Governing Board
January 8, 2024**

Attending:

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| Kathy Breazeale | Bob McKnight | Jim Merk |
| Roger Curless | Rev Tammy Scott | Jonathan Akyea |
| Dave Studdard | Wally Loague |  |

 Welcome to Dave Studdard as he joins the Governing Board. Prayers were offered for members of the congregation and cards were pswsed for signing and sending.

**Trustees** - Plans are being made for the organ rededication.
 - Groups from the community have been interested is securing space in the building. Space, as is, is somewhat limited and access to the upper floors is bey stairs only but there are options for groups who want space. A member of the congregation has offered to do some cleaning and painting in rooms that need to be ready for use. Work continues on cleaning out the rooms.
 - A calendar system is being posted to let people know who is in the building and where and who is responsible for closing and setting the alarms.
 - Update on lift – Chicago Elevator has submitted a repair bid at $44,000. There is concern that even with repairs the long-term life of the lift is limited. The congregation has responded to the appeal with pledges of $25,000. It was hoped to have at last $35,500 in hand before proceeding with the work. When 75-80% of the funds are on hand the Trustees will proceed with signing a contract from repairs.
 - A small group has been convened to consider ways to make use of the facility in different cost-sharing ways.

**Pastor Tammy** - There is a conference leadership training event at Barrington UMC on January 27. Anyone interested in attending should let Pastor Tammy know.
 - At some point the calendar needs to include a Governing Board/Staff gathering to look at mission and vision. It will be calendared at a later date.

**Finance** - Stewardship Campaign – The pledges received today are just over $10,000 lower than a year ago. Five additional pledging units have been added and there are six units that pledged in 2023 that have not responded in 2024. There was a brief discussion on follow-up. Spending levels for 2024 are the same as 2023 until a 2024 budget can be adopted.

**Next Governing Board meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2024**