**FIRST PRES PRAYER INITIATIVE**

**FOCUS ON CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRIES**

**MAY 19, 2019**

**Opening (Barb)**

**Focus on Congregational Life**

Brief Overview by Staff or Leaders of Congregational Life Ministries

**(Steve)**

Why do we have this ministry?

Who are the people it is intended for?

Stories from those Assembled – anyone touched by ministry?

Guided Prayer **(Barb/Steve)**

**PROGRAMS**

* Name tag Sunday (member)
* Welcome Center (perspective member)
* Block Party at Denny Rayburn next month (neighbors)
* Summer Block Party (neighbors)
* Halloween Event (neighbors)
* Connections Classes (new members)
* Holiday concert by WCASD, hosted by First Pres – and our hospitality activity of providing cookies and hot chocolate

(neighbors)

* Connecting new members to ministries and activities

(new members)

* Sunday Morning Welcome Teams, and people to serve in this ministry (members/perspective members)
* Operation Easter Basket: expand to 300 baskets in 2020

(neighbors)

**PEOPLE**

* CLM Committee
* Bridge Dinner Coordinator: search for new Coordinator
* Volunteers for various events and activities
* Steve, for planning and leading Connections
* Sue Saller, Welcome Teams Coordinator
* For church staff, elders, trustees, deacons and all First Pres. members, that we continue to set an example by expressing our love & radical hospitality through our service, programs and smiling faces especially when out in the community
* That all of the committees and programs at First Pres. can build a substantial list of excited volunteers to serve

**LOOKING AHEAD**

* How to engage with residents of our neighborhood
* How we can discern ways to serve our neighbors
* strengthening/increasing connections between congregation members
* Connecting with WCU students (perhaps inviting to 1042 service and/or providing pizza/goodies during finals week or back-to-school)

**Prayers for Other Aspects of the Church (Barb)**

\*Pray for Session task force charged with studying and proposing a new church-wide initiative which addresses homelessness.

\*Pray for summer time for rest and renewal for those involved in ministries that take the summer off.

\*Pray for VBS – for volunteer recruitment, registration of kids, and that the experience will show God’s love to those who attend

**Closing (Barb)**

**NEXT SESSION: June 9, Youth Ministries**