

First Congregational Church of Akron

Annual Meeting 9/11/23

1. Call to Order – Kevin Kowalski (Moderator)
 - Community Celebration Sunday today as well
 - Annual Report – Located on church website or if in attendance, on paper – Thank you to the staff that put it all together.
 - Capital Improvements noted
 - Thank you to: Donations from 212 individuals/families, Lay leaders led by officers and former Moderator Sue Yoder, staff and Rev Nanette and Pastor Bobby
2. Rev. Nanette – Recognized members who have been with the church for 40+ years – all mentioned
 - Recognized staff who have been with the congregation for 5 years: Janis Worley and Russ Gaippe
 - Honor and noted members who have passed in the past year
 - Celebrate volunteers – all stood who has volunteered in any ministry/service mentioned
 - Prayer of thanks for the last year
3. Kevin Kowalski – Purchase of land from University of Akron is under contract. Will be getting land inspectors in the near future. Anticipated closing is the end of the year but that is all dependent on when the University can get the deed from the state. In 2024 we will start the planning of the future of the land. Recognized members of the property committee, S&F, Treasurer and Vice Moderator.
4. Kellie Ramirez – 190th Celebrations – Nov, 3, 1833 First Church was established. There is a new church logo, 190th swag – will be church tours (Nooks and Crannies) – combined service on All Saints Day – Dave Leberth will be doing a presentation on the historical significance of the church and the city. Thank you to the team for organizing all of these events.
5. Kevin – Initiative for the coming year is to review the Endowment Declaration of Trust and Bylaws. The goal is to have these documents fully work in concert with one another and the goals of the church. The Endowment board has currently been reviewing the Declaration of Trust. The governing board has appointed a committee to review the bylaws . The church will seek legal help during these processes. It will take roughly 1-2 years to finish and will then have to be approved by the congregation. The Endowment review is in progress; the bylaws committee has not started as of yet.
6. Adjourned – Ice cream social to follow
7. Closing Prayer – Rev Nanette