**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2020**

The Worship & Music Committee met on the above date via zoom. Present were Lisa Fortwangler, Arlene Baumann, Rick Vanstone, Pastor Wende Bleam, Beth Cahall, Mary Anne Rossi and Lynda Sadusky, Chairperson.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The previous minutes were approved as read.

**Altar Guild** – nothing to report

**St. John’s Choir –** nothing to report

**Old Business - Planning for Possible In-Person Services resuming**

A survey will be sent out to the congregation (Lynda will send it via email and post on website, Sherrie will take care of mailing it):

Questions for the survey include:

1. Are you in a high-risk group for contracting Covid-19 such as over age 60 or underlying health conditions?
2. Would you feel safe returning to church?
3. Would you attend an outdoor service?
4. When we reopen to worship in the sanctuary do you plan to attend?
5. When communion is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays using prepackaged wafer and juice do you plan to participate?
6. Would you be willing to volunteer to help prepare the church for worship or help during the service?
   1. Marking the lawn or pews where people may sit
   2. Setting items on the table: hand sanitizer, masks, bulletins prepackaged wafer and juice
   3. Greeter – to make sure people sign in, are wearing masks, are answering the wellness questions, are using the hand sanitizer, pickup bulletin and communion elements and making sure people remember to socially distance as they head into the sanctuary.
   4. Usher – to make sure people sit in marked spaces only – safely distancing.
   5. Setting out chairs if needed for people when outside service.
   6. Sanitizing chairs, entry doors, tables, hallway, restrooms, sanctuary after service (we need several people each week for this service.)
7. What do you miss most since you haven’t been able to worship in person at our church building during the pandemic?

Pastor Wende will make an announcement at church on Sunday so the congregation is aware of the survey. Once results are in, the Committee will meet to decide if we will go forward with an outside service for September 13 (God’s Work, Our Hands).

Some items we will need to purchase\acquire:

* Stand-alone hand sanitizer (4) – Lynda will email Sherrie
* Holy Communion – individual prepackaged Communion juice and wafer
* Keyboard (Rick’s continuing education fund)
* Music for handbells plus piano (Rick will purchase one to check it out)
* Masks and gloves

Lynda will email the congregation for the following:

* Pop-up Canopy – need three of them
* Volunteers to Usher and Greet
* Volunteers to make signage for social distancing, etc

To prepare sanctuary for worship:

* Pews will need to be emptied and cleaned (cleaning will be done weekly)
  + Hymnals and bibles will be stored in library
* Railings and door knobs will be wiped down
* Chairs in hallway stored in nursery, replaced with folding chairs
* Signage
* Hand Sanitizing stations

Will stress to congregation that services will be different:

* No nursery care
* No water in baptismal font (alert Altar Guild)
* No singing
* No Congregation Responses – will have one person say the response for the congregation
* No offering collected – plate will be left out (possibly using a dropbox)
* Limit movement
* No lay assistants
* No drinking fountain
* Use of sign language
* Need to RSVP (possible use of the new feature on website – Plan Your Visit)
* Have any symptoms – stay home!

Other things we discussed:

* Drive-in church – possibly when it’s cooler
* Have two services, one in-person and the other online
* Handbell choir
* Use of cds of our choir
* We will continue to use bulletins (Congregation will be asked to take them home)
* Posting daily devotionals on the Members Only site of website
  + God Pause
  + Christ in Our Home
* Posting videos on sign language on website
* All meetings will continue to be online

**New Business**

Our next meeting will be scheduled when we get the survey results back.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the praying of the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda S. Sadusky, Chairperson