

Spiritual Life Meeting September 17, 2020

Members present: Bonnie Schafer, Becky Custer, Alice Frederick, Gail McGrady, Ron Lechner, Pastor Will, Karen Gerber, and guest, Mike Calabris

Meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Pastor Will

Aug Meeting notes review and approved

OLD BUSINESS

1. In person worship update
 - Average of 21 people for the past 3-4 weeks, approx 350 FB followers and 300 watching (at least a part of) Sunday Worship service. We continue to have an abbreviated Fellowship Hour, taking place on the front porch with most people in worship staying.
 - Pastor Will has researched a phone service he feels we could benefit from called "Dial My Calls". He presented his findings to Consistory, and with their approval, he will be trialing it for one month. He is able to record a 2 min message and send it by phone and text message to the congregation. He will trial it for the month using consistory members only.
2. Music Licensure
 - OneLicense is the best fit. Consistory had no objections. Correct yearly subscription cost is \$277.00. I plan on subscribing this month. We will have a one month overlay from the old license CCLI which will end Oct 31.
3. Fall Festival
 - Meal Swiss Steak carry out – Debbie C. and Karen will cook.
 - Debbie C. will be in charge of the basket sale. The baskets will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall
 - Bonnie Schafer will be in charge of the Bake Sale and will be located in the Narthex
 - At consistory, Bonnie Willis suggested we hold the Bake Sale and Basket raffle downstairs to make it easier for those unable to use the steps. After discussion the committee felt it is safer to hold this in the Fellowship Hall as previously decided, those with difficulty using the stairs will be permitted to use the handicap spots up front.
 - Karen will ask Gary B. if any of the RISE kids could help outside to direct traffic, Donnie Miller Jr. and Scott Lechner will help with clean up, Becky Custer will sell basket tickets from 10-6 on Sat, Ron Lechner will help in carry out, Gail McGrady will be a floater and help where needed, Alice will help in the kitchen. Pastor Will will try to locate orange vests for parking lot workers to wear (we can also borrow them from the Township Garage), Becky will have a 2 sided sign made to put out front to advertise the times of events taking place
4. Advent starts November 29
 - Having an Advent meal was discussed and it was decided to forgo this activity this year because of COVID. We will revisit this along with ideas about decorating, at our next meeting.
 - Pastor Will introduced his theme "Heaven on Earth", and the devotional book he is considering is by an author we have used in past years and well received, "The word was God". Cost is \$1/book and not sure if it is available digitally.
5. Continue to encourage the members of our congregation to return to church! It was discussed and Karen will put something in the November Newsletter inviting the congregation back to worship for the Advent season. We will explain, again, how we are cleaning and taking all efforts to maintain a safe environment to worship. If they don't want to stay for "our brief fellowship time", they don't have to. Becky suggested we order more and try to deliver the "Upper Room" to those whose health is keeping them from returning to church. We could also deliver the Advent devotional book and a small gift to them to kick off the Advent season. Pastor Will suggested we team up with Outreach to make these ideas possible. He will take our ideas to Outreach's next meeting.
6. Mike reminded us he will be taking vacation on Oct 3 and Holly Lake will be playing the piano in his absence. He also suggested we look into tuning the piano, middle C and D sticks.

NEW BUSINESS – nothing at this time or discussed previously

PASTOR'S TIME – added comments and updates throughout the meeting

Next meeting October 15, 2020 at 6pm at the church

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gerber, Chairperson