

## **Worship and Arts Minutes May 18, 2021 Meeting**

### **Present**

Committee Members: Glenn Hanniford, Sue Otterson, Jaime Baughman, Lydia Lumpkin, Sandy Roeger, Molly Mains, Julie Wallace

Staff: Pastor Amy Gopp, Corey Fowler

Joined By: Julie Swango and Felicia Lumpkin

Pastor Amy opened with prayer.

Lydia was congratulated on her KSU graduation and senior recital.

The April minutes were approved.

### **New Business**

Glenn reflected on the visit that was made to Poland UMC where Kelley Gifford's father is the minister. In an effort to explore how other churches are adapting and providing services in the era of Covid, Glenn, along with Felicia and Julie S., met with Rev. Gifford to learn how his church has been evolving, beginning with drive-in services broadcast over the radio to now streaming to Facebook Live. Their services are now in-person but with no live music. They have made investments in equipment and installations to provide live streaming.

From the 2-part Webinar from Indiana that most of the committee viewed, Glenn ascertained two crucial things must be done: 1) Build a Team and 2) Determine our Goals. The second part listed many details for us to consider. An in-depth discussion of these details ensued.

Felicia noted since there is an urgency to get live streaming underway that perhaps some of the details could be tabled for now.

Jaime described her experience visiting a live church service that was using Zoom, including accepting prayer requests from those watching live. She had attended an outdoor worship service, also, where many stayed in their cars. No bulletins or hymnals were in use.

Julie S. has experienced several different Zoom services.

Kim feels we may be putting the cart before the horse in that we are spending so much time engaged in this discussion when it is the Covid Team and Council that will ultimately make the call regarding live worship/streaming so perhaps some of these discussions should wait.

Glenn feels we need to have these conversations as we discern "What is our Vision?"

Sue advises we should approach live streaming by acting like Covid isn't a factor.

This new type of worship will be the new reality, so regardless of the pandemic, we should be talking and considering new ways of worship.

Sandy has been a musical sub at some other churches and briefly described some of their methods.

Julie W. asked Pastor Amy and Corey for their perspectives since they are the staff providers. Corey elaborated on how we must be careful on the copyright front, knowing YouTube can be tricky. He sees us mostly continuing to provide services as we are doing with the addition of a few cameras.

Pastor Amy's goal is to make sure we are spiritually fed with technology being a means to that end. We must assume people will be able to adapt as we proceed one

step at a time. We have new visual opportunities for both in-person and live-streaming worship. Our worship is both collective and individual and is still about God and the Spirit.

Amy would like our services to be accessible from our church website.

Lydia thinks there will be fewer issues with live streaming over a Zoom format.

Molly noted her parents in Venice, FL can choose to either live-stream or watch later by going to their church's website.

We entered into a discussion on streaming legalities. Blanket performance licenses that are used for in-person worship do not necessarily cover live streaming.

Synchronization and distribution are areas of concern.

Because of these complications, an attorney specializing in these areas should be consulted.

Glenn advises we need to begin live streaming prior to the return of the congregation so that we can get the bugs out.

Based on the discussion several aspects of our vision for an initial hybrid worship service were clarified. They included:

1. Live stream using an in-person format in the sanctuary (or other worship space) at our normal 10AM service time. (Initial live stream attempts may be made to an empty or partially filled Sanctuary depending on COVID Protocols.)
2. Initial live-stream services should use the platform we are currently using (YouTube) for ease of communication and familiarity.
3. Eventually stream to Kent UCC Website and possibly continue streaming to other platforms.

Putting this discussion to rest we moved on to:

### **Pentecost**

Pastor Amy will film the sermon at the Wallace's (they are providing the flowers) since the sanctuary is out of commission due to the lighting installation. The Chapel tapings, because of all the background windows, do not provide a good picture.

### **Founders' Day**

June 13

Service will be pre-recorded in the sanctuary.

Julie will do the flowers and paraments for this service.

### **Outdoor Service**

July 18 was tentatively the date planned for an outdoor service. July 4<sup>th</sup> could also be considered.

One outdoor service is being considered for August. Date TBD.

More details to come.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Wallace