

## Worship and the Arts Minutes

4/20/21

Zoom 5:30 PM

Present: Jaime Baughman, Kim Redman, Julie Swango, Julie Wallace, Sue Otterson, Felicia Lumpkin, Lydia Lumpkin, Corey Fowler, Rev. Amy Gopp

- I. March minutes accepted
- II. Thank you and welcome to Felicia Lumpkin and Julie Swango
- III. Opening Prayer: Glenn
- IV. Check In: Everyone in the meeting spoke about anything new and exciting going on in their lives. Yep, we're all still living the Covid life.
- V. Easter Service:
  - a. Everyone found the service to be very meaningful.
  - b. Julie W will put the palms in her greenhouse.
  - c. All the Easter decorations can stay up until Pentecost.
- VI. Covid
  - a. Corey feels that we should move to in-person worship sooner than later.
  - b. Kim pointed out the increase in Covid cases in Portage County, surrounding counties and in the state of Ohio. The Covid team is trying to follow the recommendations of the CDC as well as the UCC Association. We also need to keep in mind that not all congregants are vaccinated. Either because they choose not to, cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons, or because they are not eligible because of age. We need to consider everyone's wellbeing when making this decision.
  - c. Julie W. talked a little about her son, Justin's, church and how they are moving to a hybrid worship service.
  - d. Glenn reminded us about the hybrid worship webinar coming up on YouTube.
  - e. It was discussed that in order to move forward, we need to make an AV plan. We may need to purchase some equipment in order to move to an in-person and/or livestream service.
  - f. It was also discussed that we would most probably need to update our internet connection for livestreaming.
  - g. The Covid Team will be sending out a survey to the congregation to get an idea about their feelings about returning to an in-person worship service.
  - h. Jaime will apply for a grant from the association for producing a livestream service.
  - i. We can also look at any memorial funds that may be of use as well.
  - j. Glenn, Felicia & Jullie S. will visit Kelley Gifford's dad's church to see how they have been conducting their services.
- VII. Pentecost
  - a. We need to decorate in red for Pentecost which is 5/23/21. We will ask Molly to help with this.

- b. The choir will be doing a virtual anthem for Pentecost.
- VIII. Founders Day 6/13/21
  - a. We have 100 Founder names.
  - b. Fellowship is putting together gifts for these 100 people
    - i. Equal exchange chocolate, pamphlets
  - c. Worship paraments will be aqua colors
- IX. There will be a laity Sunday in October.
- X. Confirmation
  - a. Confirmation will be at the end of May or Pentecost
  - b. 3 confirmands will be baptized
    - i. Maybe in the river or at church with family groups
- XI. Outdoor services are being planned for July and August
- XII. Next meeting is 5/18/21