

# Worship & Music Committee meeting online: via Zoom Oct. 1, 2020

Present: Pastor Scott, Linda Longardner, Sherry Scheider, Carolyn Ciaccio, and Susie Smalley

Pastor read Psalm 144 from the daily lectionary (psalm of prayer for blessing)

## **Old Business:**

† piano – Sherry asked Linda how the pianos are doing. Linda responded by saying that they're probably out of tune, but she questioned whether or not it's worth having them tuned since they're not being used. When she recorded the hymns this last time, she played them on the electronic keyboard. Pastor asked if it would be wise to move the sanctuary piano to Shepherd's Hall so that just one room had to have temp control (and that is a lot smaller than the sanctuary), and Linda wasn't sure. She said she would ask Richard Dowling what his advice would be.

† addition of music to Zoom worship – We've had a lot of positive feedback about the addition of music to our online worship services. In addition to our weekly hymn, there have been a couple times when Pastor played a short instrumental selection, recorded by Craig Bederka, immediately preceding our service, after Pastor has welcomed everyone.

## **New Business:**

† suggestions from Bishop Clements – Last month, Sherry had a Zoom meeting of church council leaders with Bishop Clements who suggested various things for churches such as forming a "reopening committee" and starting to think about the upcoming Advent season. She will bring up a lot of the suggestions to Council when they meet.

† Sundays when Pastor Scott will be off – Pastor is going to be absent from services on the following dates: Oct. 18, Nov. 8, and Nov. 15. He has already spoken with Phil Smalley about hosting the Zoom meetings on those dates and making sure he will have the necessary links to screenshare the music as well as the pre-recorded sermons that will be used. Pastor will also arrange for someone to help with the online worship, (welcoming everyone, reading announcements, leading prayers, reading the Gospel, et cetera), and will first call on existing worship assistants to do so.

† thinking ahead to Advent – Sherry asked about ways we could modify or add to our Zoom worship during Advent. Susie suggested encouraging people to either make or obtain their own Advent wreath so we could all light them together, via Zoom. All seemed to like that. Pastor was wondering if there was a way to incorporate the youth to participate. We will think about it more...

† All Saints Sunday – Susie volunteered to put together a slide show to display those who have passed. Pastor will reach out to those families that he knows of who have lost loved ones and, on Sundays, will openly invite people to send (preferably digital) photos to Susie.

† Thanksgiving Eve – Pastor was ready to take this year off, as far as having a Thanksgiving Eve service. However, Carolyn suggested we hold it again. We discussed it and we all thought it was a good idea to go ahead and do a service. (Susie also pointed out that those who typically don't attend our evening services throughout the year because of it being dark outside will finally have the opportunity to do so this year!)

Meeting was closed with prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020 – 1pm, via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Smalley