

# Worship & Music Committee meeting online: via Zoom Aug. 3, 2021

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

Pastor opened the meeting by reading a passage from 1 Cor. 12

## **Old Business:**

† Altar Flowers: Sherry checked with Pepper Creek and asked about altar flowers. She inquired about the possibility of ordering only *some*, as opposed to *every*, week. They said that they would be grateful for any business we could give them, so yes, it is definitely possible, as long as they know by the Wednesday before. They also said the flowers would still be \$30...at least for now. Pastor, however, would like flowers every Sunday, if we're going to do any at all. As per our Worship & Music Committee meeting last month, Pr. Scott suggested taking down the flower chart sign-up poster that was up and instead posting a petition asking people, who would like to see the return of altar flowers, to sign it so we can gauge interest. Sherry said there were only two names on the sheet this past Sunday. Liz stated that it's most likely because people haven't seen it and don't even know it's there. Liz suggested it get announced on Sundays; Pastor said he would do that.

† In-person worship: July (and 8/1/21) attendance:

7/4: 34 in-person, 8 households online on Zoom      7/11: 38 in-person, 13 households online on Zoom  
7/18: 37 in-person, 13 households online on Zoom      7/25: 55 in-person, 10 households online on Zoom  
8/1: 37 in-person, 12 households online on Zoom

## **New Business:**

† August 1, 2021: We knew ahead of time that neither Pr. Scott nor Linda L. were going to be at service on Aug. 1. *[Linda will actually be missing three Sundays for her cataract surgeries, so Susie recorded her playing all the hymns for Aug. 1-15, the gospel acclamations for each of the three weeks, and some of the liturgical music. We are using "This Is the Feast" for the canticle of praise, since we had already recorded that to use throughout the Easter season.]*

Pr. Joanne, our supply pastor, was unable to make it, so Deaconess Cheryl 'stepped up to the plate and hit a home run', so to speak. She gave a great sermon and service went well, despite having absolutely zero notice! Since there wasn't a pastor to consecrate it, there was no Holy Communion.

† New Guidance (w/rise in COVID numbers): with the new guidance from the CDC regarding the recommendation of going back to wearing masks regardless of vaccine status, we will postpone our decision to switch back to the wine and wafers we used before the pandemic and continue using the hourglass-shaped pre-packaged communion kits. Since we weren't expecting this, we will need to order them today! Sherry will take care of that. [Fortunately, we have enough for one more Sunday since we had no communion last Sunday.]  
Coffee/Fellowship after service: no change yet - Council will discuss and decide if any changes need to be made.

† Setting change? Sherry asked if we are going to change the setting or keep setting 3 after this month. Pastor suggested we stick with setting 3 at least through the end of Sept.  
Carolyn asked why we do change, and with Pastor's answer, asked about possibly printing that explanation in the bulletin. Pastor liked that, will put some thought into it, and see what he can add. He is concerned about the bulletin getting too 'full' or 'cluttered' but will experiment with what exactly to add.

† All Creation Sings: There is a new supplemental hymnal available, called All Creation Sings, from which Susie has chosen some hymns for the congregation to sing during our worship services. Since we have license to reprint the words and music online as well as in our bulletins, and since we just upgraded our Sundays and Seasons subscription to the Deluxe package, allowing us to download a clearer image of the music/words, we can now include these hymns! We *do* need an accompanist book though, so Susie took care of getting that ordered. It arrived last week (of course the day *after* Susie recorded Linda playing hymns for Aug. 1 - 15!).

Meeting was closed with prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at 1pm, via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Smalley