

# Worship & Music Committee meeting online: via Zoom Feb. 7, 2023

Present: Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Carolyn Ciaccio, LaVon Downing, Dave Musser, Richard Popp, and Susie Smalley

Pastor opened the meeting with a reading with a reading from 2 Corinthians

## Old Business:

- † **welcome new members to our committee:** The committee welcomes three new members today! Along with our new organist, Richard Popp, LaVon Downing and Dave Musser will also be joining our committee. Since Dave works nights and finishes work at 10am, our normal time to meet (1pm) is when he'd normally be sleeping. Therefore, to make it easier for him to attend our meetings, we will be switching our meeting time to 11am. It will remain on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- † **organ repair:** no word yet from Triune Music, as far as repairs. Phil sent an email after the beginning of the year, but didn't hear back, so he called them a week or so later. They said they couldn't fit us into their schedule yet but would call when they could. [Susie's note: They cited they needed to find a time that two of them to come so one could play a note on the organ while the other worked on the circuits. We told them that one of us here could hold a note down (as Susie did when they came in October).]
- † **Baptism of Our Lord (January 8, 2023):** Susie make nametags both for Godparents and Godchildren to use. ...They stayed on secretary's desk lol We will have them for next year!
- † **welcome new organist:** Richard Popp started Jan. 23 and has now played for us for two Sundays! Richard requests that, if people have comments about a particular hymn or song he played, he would like to hear feedback *right away* after that service rather than a week or two later when it's more difficult to recall which hymn they're referring to or even when, during the service, it was played.
- † **setting changes:** We will switch to setting 3 beginning Feb. 22, which is Ash Wednesday, and remain with that setting until Maundy Thursday (April 6). Beginning Saturday, April 8, through Pentecost (June 5), we will switch to setting 8. May add post-communion canticle (ELW 200).

## New Business:

- † **RALM meeting (on Transfiguration Sunday: Feb. 19, 2023 @ 2pm):** communion set up? yes
- † **butterflies:** Sherry asked if the butterflies will be hung again this year. Many of us agreed that people would surely want them up again! They would need to go up the day before Easter, which will be Saturday, April 8. Sherry mentioned that some are getting 'worn-looking' and will ask about perhaps making more. Last year, they remained up until Mother's Day (which meant they were up for four weeks). We haven't determined an end date yet for this year.
- † **tulips:** our cost will be \$11.85 this year; we will ask for \$12 to make it a round amount. The order needs to be in by March 27. Sherry will put the sign-up sheet in the narthex by March 5. We will again just stick with all tulips in assorted colors, as some have allergies to lilies. Gold foil will be used.
- † **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22, 2023):** We will have imposition of ashes and hold our "normal" Ash Wednesday service in person and on Zoom again this year at 7pm.
- † **Wednesdays during Lent:**
  - simple suppers:** Sign is up for people to sign up to bring food
  - collection:** to where should the collection go? Pr. proposed World Hunger, others agreed.
  - worship:** We will do the Holden Evening Prayer service again. Susie will help get song leaders lined up (Karen and Susie can do most) and make sure we find a time to rehearse with Richard. LaVon would fill in "in a pinch" but doesn't want to do it regularly.

† **devotionals for Lent:** Kris ordered some, we received them, and they will be put out this Sunday, Feb. 12

† **Palm Sunday (April 2, 2023):** Sherry will order palms from the same place as last year: Eco Palms.

**Processional:** Pastor said we will do a shorter processional this year and he will walk slower. We will still gather outside in the Memory Garden. Pastor and Richard will figure out the details about how to coordinate the processional singers with those singing who are already seated in the sanctuary so that, when the processional singers arrive and process into the sanctuary, everyone will be at the same point in the hymn. Also, Monica and Mary Alice are trying to gather enough people to have some handbell music played during service!

The **Passion reading** will be from the book of Matthew this year. Last year, Pastor posted a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer to read each of the parts and Susie then personally asked/invited people to read the parts for which nobody signed up. We will do that again this year.

† **Maundy Thursday & Good Friday (Apr. 6 & 7, 2023):** We discussed *when* to hold these services (Should we continue doing them in the evening or move to the afternoon for those who don't want to drive after dark?) Last year, there were 17 people in attendance on each of those days. After a bit of discussion (Is the time of day the reason not many people attend? If we moved the service earlier in the day, those who work during the day couldn't come...Do they come at night? We realize there isn't a time that will work for *everyone*, we're just trying to find a time that may work better for the *most* people.) LaVon asked what if we did Maundy Thursday at 7pm but have the Good Friday service at 3pm? We discussed and agreed to try that this year and see how it goes! We will welcome feedback from the congregation!

† **Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 8, 2023):** Will there be one this year? Sounds like...no

† **Easter Sunday (Sunday, April 9, 2023):** One service this year again: 9:30am, like usual

† **Altar Guild items:** a couple notes:

The refrigerator in the library kitchen was left open this past Sunday. Pastor went to it in the afternoon, and it was at 71 degrees. Some things inside (grape juice for example) will need to be tossed. Also, we will be acquiring a pouring chalice from a church who had an extra one.

† **Communion:** Richard said he'd like to play a short hymn from the new All Creation Sings hymnal during communion: just one verse that could be printed in the bulletin. He'd like to start that during Lent. That prompted Susie to ask when we could go back to kneeling at the railing again during communion. Pastor responded with the question "We go back to the same question as before: Do we have the people available to assist?" The answer is yes! We have been having two communion assistants help with the continual communion since we stopped doing the communion kits: the deacon of the month and the reader. If there is no reader that day, someone always steps up to help during communion. Most of us on the committee said they prefer going up to the communion railing and agreed we'd like to start doing that again! Sherry asked about starting this coming Sunday; Pastor suggested Ash Wednesday as a start date. We will start again on Ash Wednesday.

† **request from Dave to Richard:** Could you play on the 19<sup>th</sup> during the RALM meeting at 2pm? Richard said yes, he could.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2023 at 11am, via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Smalley