

CHURCH & MINISTRY MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2021

10:00am

Attendees: Shirley Ahlers, Roger Coady, Pat Frey, Dave Rohrer, Pastor Chris

- I. Meeting opened at 10:04am with a prayer by Pat Frey
- II. Motion to approve December 2020 meeting minutes by Shirley Ahlers, seconded by Pat Frey. Motion passed.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Christmas Eve Service – Council thought the live-streamed Christmas Eve service went well. Council members enjoyed the special music performance by guest pianist William Hume and would enjoy having him return in the future to provide special music for other services!
 - B. Sunday December 27 Service of Carols – Council members felt this service went well and enjoyed the musical selections by the guest Carlisle Town Band Saxophone Ensemble and by pianist/organist Sue Fry Wichard. Council members would enjoy having the saxophone group return to provide special music at a future service.
 - C. Christmas Decorations – were taken down by Kim Zigler on Monday January 4. The Star will remain in the sanctuary until Transfiguration.
 - D. Celebration of Life Service January 3 – Council members thought this service went well. Pastor Chris liked the type of candles used, and the arrangement of the candles on the alter, that were used to recognize members. Thank you to Pat Frey for purchasing and setting up the candles.
 - E. Broadcast equipment update: Pastor Chris has received a bid - @\$400.00 – from one vendor to fix/adjust the camera/computer equipment to enhance the broadcast audio including linking into our current audio system. Pastor Chris is waiting to hear from another vendor with their recommendation and cost estimate.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Mardi gras Sunday February 14 – It has been a tradition to have the St. Paul’s Brass perform at this service. Council discussed health safety issues with having the group perform this year and felt it can be done in a safe manner, with the brass group seated to the far right of the alter in the area the Saxophone Ensemble sat for the December 27 service. Dave Rohrer will contact St. Paul’s Brass to see if they would be interested and available to perform at our church on that date.
 - B. Ash Wednesday Service February 17 – Council discussed how to safely have this important service for our congregation and community. A “drive-thru” procedure in the parking lot, with Pastors Chris and Rachel imposing the ashes, is being considered. A pop-up tent is available if needed for the pastors if there is inclement weather. The time would possibly be 12:00 noon to 1:00pm. Pastor Chris will explore ways to safely impose the ashes on people using a “drive-thru” setting.

- C. Black History Month – we often have special music in February to recognize Black History Month. Council discussed some options for this year. Dave will make contact with a vocalist from the Dickinson College music faculty about possibly performing special music for a service in February.
- D. Psalm Sunday March 28/Easter Sunday April 4 – Council discussed these upcoming important services. Pat Frey will ask Kim Zeigler to order psalms. If we have an in-person service on March 28, it was suggested to have psalms on a table in the back for congregants to pick up as they enter the sanctuary. While there has been special music with the choir/brass ensemble at past Easter services, it is doubtful this will occur this year because of the safety concern of singing. More discussion to follow on how these services will be conducted.
- E. Pulpit supply/Pulpit Sundays – Pastor Chris discussed with Council the challenges of using substitute pastors during on-line services and the technology knowledge required to live-stream. Since the pandemic and live-streaming of services, services have been pre-recorded when using substitute pastors, which has involved much time (vacation time) for Pastor Chris to record and download on the website. His suggestion is to see if there is a substitute pastor available who would be comfortable with technology to live-stream the service themselves. Pastor Chris will contact several possible substitutes regarding the technology issue.

Next council meeting will be **Monday February 1 at 10:00am** in the Upper Room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pat Frey seconded by Roger Coady. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Rohrer, Council Co-Chair