Emanuel United Church of Christ
Consistory Minutes
July 14, 2020

Present: Brad Kurtz, Helen Tritt, Val Cordray, Harriet Neiser, Andrea Sammons, Alexandra Sammons, Nick Kindel, Janel Baughman, Glenn Lynn, Pastor Gaye Santoro.

Absent: Betsy Rawlins, Ernie Lyons

The consistory meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Brad Kurtz through Zoom.

Pastor Gaye Santoro opened the meeting with prayer.

Correspondence: none.

Secretary's report: Minutes were approved via e-mail by consistory after June's meeting. Janel made a motion to accept the secretary minutes and Harriet seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Harriet made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Val seconded it. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Janet Holvey moved to Whitewood Lodge- a skilled nursing facility.
- Making contacts and visitation through telephone calls.
- The church is producing 4 videos a week plus Sunday zoom worship.
- Attended webinars.
- Collecting school supplies for the Doylestown Lion's Club.
- Gave $129.00 in benevolence funds to a needy individual.
- Glenn made a motion to accept the Pastor's report and Janel seconded it. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Church opening/Use of fellowship Hall**
  - Nancy Swain is going to postpone Jill's Memorial Service until the covid 19 is over.
  - The wedding shower is still on July 25th.
- **Church Yard Sale**: Due to the covid 19 situation, Marge would like to not have the sale at her house. The Emanuel UCC Yard sale for 2020 will be postponed until 2021.
- **New Church video streaming**: The instillation of the equipment to allow live streaming of our church service is in progress. There were some delays in getting hardware delivery due to covid 19, but the installation should be finished in a week.
- **New Church Website**: There is discussion in looking into different websites. PJ- the videographer's has some recommendations for a new website. Brad and Pastor Gaye will look at his recommendation.

- **Vacation Bible School**: This year, at home VBS kits will be created for the children to enjoy Vacation Bible School at home. The theme is railroad. Each family will also get a cd of bible songs to sing at home. Thirty-six railroad VBS bags have been filled and they will be delivered to the children home on Wednesday, July15th.

New Business:

- **Member Survey for Worship Options and returning to Worship**: A survey has been created to poll congregation members on their feelings about church reopening options. The elders will call their shepherding list to get the members survey answers. Consistory was asked to fill out their survey and send to Pastor Gaye.
- **Pastor's vacation**: Pastor Gaye will preach on August 2 on zoom and then she will take vacation from August 3-10. August 9th will be a Hymn Sing. Janel made a motion to accept the Pastor's vacation and Glenn seconded it. The motion carried.
- **Adult Sunday Morning Forum in Fellowship Hall**: Tom Finley has requested to use the Fellowship hall each Sunday Morning for a Sunday School Forum. After discussion among consistory members, the consistory thought they could meet outside under the tree near the driveway in lawn chairs with social distancing. With the current up rise in covid numbers, The consistory felt an outside meeting was a safe compromise. There will be no access to inside bathrooms.
- **Drive-in Movie night/Blessing of the backpacks**: The outside movie will be a drive -in this year with families watching from their cars. The movie will be Back to the future and families are asked to bring their own snacks. The blessing of the Backpacks will be at the movie night.

Standing Committees:

Christian Education: The Sunday School teachers will be polled about having Sunday School this fall and how to configure the classes with social distancing.

Property

- Painted the pillars on the porch.
- Painted the handrails black .
- Planning to paint the railroad ties.

Elders: see minutes

Pastoral relations, Mission, Music, Technology: did not meet

Safety and Security: nothing to report.

A motion to adjourn was made by Harriet. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary