

3/11/2021 Stewardship Ministry Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Amy Gopp, Karen Carmany, Nancy Bubenzer and Lori Babbey

Pledges - One additional pledge has been received for 2021

Stewardship theme for the second quarter of 2021 –

We are utilizing the resources from the Center for Faith and Giving. The theme for April is the Stewardship of Creation. At this point we do not know what the themes for May and June will be. Pastor Amy will contact Bruce Barkhauer to find out what the themes will be in May and June to assist with our planning.

We discussed options for collaborating with the Green Team for Earth Day Sunday, which is April 25th. After much discussion it was agreed that we could “introduce” this theme in the April 18th service. Pastor Amy will utilize the “Butterfly” video and possibly the creation prayer offered by the Ctr for Faith and Giving. Members of our committee will serve as liturgist, readers, and provide the offering invitation as part of the service.

Stewardship of Creation Action Steps

We discussed the following ideas to consider:

- Giving gardens – encourage members of the congregation to donate any “extra” produce from their gardens.
- Revisit the garden on the church grounds and how it is being used.
- Rent one or more garden plots in the Kent Community garden and ask members of the congregation to volunteer to manage the gardens and donate all produce to Kent Social Services and/or use it for our monthly community meals. Karen will find out if there are any plots available. Would the Scouts want to help? Youth group? Possibly incorporate the garden as an “all church” activity for Founder’s Day week-end June 12 & 13.
- Lori offered a garden plot at her home if any members would like to help and donate the produce.
- Karen will contact Sarah Ketchum/Peter Johnson to ask for suggestions.

Engage web site

Pastor Amy is working with the web developer to make the donation process easier and clearer for users.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 25 @ 4 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Babbey