

Kent United Church of Christ
Worship and The Arts Minutes

March 16th, 2021

Zoom Meeting 5:30PM

Present: Glenn Hanniford, Kim Redman, Rev. Amy Gopp, Jeff Roeger, Julie Wallace, Lydia Lumpkin, Corey Fowler

Opening Prayer: Glenn Hanniford

Check In:

1. Glenn: He has received his vaccinations. He has been busy with various projects. They have been having difficulty with their computer and their internet.
2. Corey: After break they will be returning to in-person school 4 days a week. May 14th is POPS, it will be an outside event.
3. Amy: She is excited about Holy Week. She has been surprised by all the creativity and flexibility that has occurred during the pandemic. She is embracing her grey hair.
4. Lydia: She is busy with school. She too is having computer issues. She keeps freezing on Zoom so she has a Zoom App on her phone as well.
5. Jeff: He is lamenting about March Madness. He has been busy at Walgreens with the distribution of the Covid vaccine.
6. Julie: She has been working on Fellowship activities, and she made the Spring/Summer wreaths for the sanctuary doors.
7. Kim: Received her first vaccine on Monday, and so is feeling a bit under the weather.

Lent/Easter:

- I. **Keys:** John Hetrick is having keys made for the organ doors. They will be in various places around the church.
- II. **Lenten Bags:** There were 160 Lenten bags delivered to the congregation. Thank you to all who put them together and delivered them.
- III. **Diaconate:** They are working on Easter Sunday's communion. The Men Baking Bread will be making Hot Cross Buns and they will be delivered the Friday and Saturday before Easter.
- IV. **Kintsugi Project:** Thanks to Julie for her work on this project and the wreaths on the sanctuary doors. Julie reported that the easel had been moved and the extra shard pieces were ruined from the rain. The vessel board is fine though. She has extra shards at home.

V. Sanctuary Lights: The sanctuary lighting project will take place some time at the end of April.

VI. Palm Fronds for Congregation: The Friday and Saturday before Palm Sunday, the fronds will be placed in buckets outside the church office doors by the Kintsugi Project. Congregation members will be invited to drive up and choose a frond to take home.

VII. Decorating the Sanctuary:

1. Palms need to be placed for Palm Sunday service.
2. The Hosanna banner needs to be placed for Palm Sunday Service.
3. Glenn bought pots to plant the silk lilies for the alter. He also bought 6 potted palms.
4. We will decorate on March 27th.
5. We need about 8 potted spring flowers of different colors for the chancel area.
6. We might want to get a couple of potted spring flowers for the planter.
7. The Easter banners need to be hung.
8. The decorating needs to take place before 4/3 at 10:00AM recording.
9. We need to place the Paschal Candle next to the communion table.

VIII. Easter Week:

1. 4/1 is Maundy Thursday. The Confirmands and kids will be doing the “Upper Zoom.” It will be the Last Supper live on Zoom at 7:00PM.
2. 4/2 is Good Friday. The service is a collaborative worship service of our UCC Living Water Association.

IX. Easter Service:

1. The Bell Choir will be performing.
2. There will be an audio only virtual choir.
3. The children will be singing.

X. Post Easter:

3. We need to store the wreaths, but they can stay up through the Summer.
4. We need storage for the silk lilies.
5. 4/11 The Sunday after Easter. We will enjoy a worship service provided by our UCC Heartland Conference as a gift to our churches after Easter.
6. 4/18 will be a regular service.
7. 4/25 will be Earth Day led by the Green Team. It will possibly be recorded outside at Trail Lake Park.

XI. Returning to In-Person Worship:

1. Glenn brought up prepping for possible in-person worship: getting the sanctuary ready, marking off social distance seating, buying welcome banners, preparing Worship Assistants.
2. The Property Committee has a plan that marks out the sanctuary.
3. The Covid Committee has been meeting and setting up safety protocol.
4. We do not know when we will be able to begin in-person worship.
5. It was suggested that we poll the congregation when it is time to see how many people will return to in-person.

6. In-person worship will be live streamed and then posted. We need to investigate needed equipment for live stream.
7. Corey is hoping that choir can resume in September.
8. Lydia mentioned using special masks for singing.
9. Kim Nagy is speaking to parents and teachers about in-person children's programming. However, Kim and Amanda Nagy are expecting their baby on July 18th. Kim will be going on family leave.
10. When the church opens, there will be a backlog of funeral and baptisms that will need addressed.
11. We may consider outside worship this Summer. Julie suggested a tent. We may want to investigate renting or buying one. We would need to check with the city of Kent about rules and regulations.

XII. Our next Meeting is 4/20/21.