

NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Sunday, March 21st, 2:00pm

Attendees:

Jeannie Ashmore, Committee Chair
Rev Will Green, Pastor
Karin Elofson, Scribe
Jan Thomas, Music Director
Joy Mills
Jessica Townes George
Margaret Bragdon
Muriel (Tookie) Bacon
Cathy Gritman
Caron Chess
Rob Bunton
Georgette Fehrenbach

1) Call to Order – Jeannie

2) Opening Prayer – Rev Will

3) Unfinished Business

- i) Affiliation Process – not reviewed as thoroughly covered at March 21st Assembly meeting.
- ii) Labyrinth now removed; thanks to Rob, Todd and Bill.
- iii) Fire Circles:
 - (1) Okay to continue on lawn as long as it is not muddy
 - (2) Ritual of writing prayers on paper or blowing them into a stick started; paper or stick is then burned in the fire and the prayers sent up to the heavens!

4) New Business

- a) Plans for Holy Week:
 - i) Palm Sunday
 - (1) Rev Will to ask congregants to bring their own greenery to the circle.
 - ii) Maundy Thursday
 - (1) Communion Service in the Sanctuary starting at 6pm.
 - (2) Rice wafers and small glasses of juice to be offered as part of sacrament; congregants will serve themselves.
 - (3) Two readers – Margaret and Jeannie
 - (4) Piano music but no singing
 - iii) Holy Saturday
 - (1) Sign-up for prayer time in Sanctuary, 8am to 8pm.

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- (2) Sanctuary to be open to the public; masking and social distancing required.
- iv) Easter
 - (1) Son Rise service at Whaleback
 - (a) All to arrive by 6:17am
 - (b) Karin to pick up Rev Will about 5:45am
 - (c) Okay to sing "Morning Has Broken" acapella
 - (2) Fire Circle – will be an Easter Service
 - (a) Jeannie to ask Barnabus if he is willing to play, also guitar players
 - (b) Congregants to sing "Christ the Lord Has Risen Today" acapella
 - (c) If weather is poor, chairs will be set up in the Fellowship Hall.
 - (3) Online Easter Service also planned
 - (4) Jess and Vanessa preparing Easter egg hunt for the kids, to start about 11:30am.
 - (a) Kids will be asked to bring their own baskets but a few will be purchased as back-up.
 - (5) Caron to work with Jeannie on Easter page for NBC website.
- b) No Fire Circle on April 11th due to next COVID vaccination clinic.
- c) Choir Re-starting!
 - i) First 8:30am rehearsal to start on April 18th for those that are fully vaccinated ONLY.
 - ii) The earliest the Choir may sing is at May 2nd service.
 - iii) Jan and Rob to identify spot in Hall for choir robes, perhaps move blue hutch into vestry.
 - iv) Jan and Jeannie to review contents of closet and see if anything else can be discarded. Large copier can go.
- d) Moving Sunday Services back inside!
 - i) May 2nd – Circle to be set up in the Fellowship Hall; outdoor circle will stop when we move inside (or be rescheduled at another time).
 - ii) Fellowship planned for after the service; people will be able to sit in the Hall or move outside.
 - (1) Tookie to continue managing Fellowship List – thank you!
 - (2) Requests for volunteers to go out by e-mail and around the circle.
 - iii) Jan to work with Charles Burr to get a piano dolly to move good piano into the Hall; Lulu has approved the purchase.
 - iv) Piano currently out of tune; Charles coming this Wednesday to start the tuning process.
- e) Continuation of Online Presence

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- i) One option is to continue a pre-recorded service, but preparing for effectively two services may seem overwhelming
- ii) Another option is to record the live service and then upload to You Tube.
- iii) A third option is to live stream the service to You Tube.
 - (1) Jess will research the proper equipment to record and/or live stream the service.
- f) Training on Dish Washer
 - i) Rob to meet Jess on Wednesday, 3/24, at 3pm and give a lesson on how to use the dishwasher.
- g) Prayer Shawl Group
 - i) Margaret is getting the gang back together, hopefully to meet at Emily's house.
 - ii) Margaret to work with Caron to get contact information onto the website.

5) Adjournment

- a) Meeting ended at 3:30pm.

6) Next Meeting

- a) Sunday, April 18th at 2pm.