

Minutes

Bethel Leadership Team

Friday, March 13, 2020

Pastor Dave Called us together in prayer at 4:00 pm.

Present were George Donovan, John Fredericksen, Beth Garner, Edie McGoff, Pat Shields, Traci Shoberg. Sara Smith, Kim Williams, Vonda Wiltz (by internet), Guy Winchester, and Pastor Dave Young.

Pastor Dave gave us an update on Synodical information regarding the COVID-19 situation and recommendations.

Services and building use:

Motion by John Fredericksen, seconded by Beth Garner, to follow Synodical recommendation stop church services and close up building for all use except for building checks and mail handling through March 31st plus Wednesday, April 1st Lenten service pending further notice. Motion carried unanimously.

Social distancing:

Motion by Dave Young, seconded by John Fredericksen, to direct that all Bethel related activities be carried out via technology with no face-to-face events, activities, or meetings, on-site or off-site. Motion carried unanimously.

Shepherding:

The team discussed ways to remain in relationship during this pandemic. Email, FaceBook, Zoom, telephone, USPS mail, and other tools were discussed. Pastor Dave and Pat Shields will take the lead on the technology with assistance from Terri Hollingsworth on the mail connection.

Pat Shields provided lists of parishioners without listed emails for contact via telephone on Saturday (march 14th). John Fredericksen, Traci Shoberg, Sara Smith (2), and Lee Winchester took portions for Saturday calls in advance of Sunday. Callers will also call back weekly.

Worship:

Pastor Dave will provide a technological worship experience on Sunday mornings, possibly using his regular podcast and/or the existing bulletins, gospels, and

readings. George Donovan offered to provide suggested playlists of music to accompany and exemplify the worship.

Communication:

Pastor Dave will send out an email to all listed parishioners with listed email addresses. Signs will be posted on entrance doors. Parishioners without emails will be called Saturday. Letters will be sent as appropriate.

Safety:

Parishioners are requested to contact Parish Nurse Edie McGoff (emcgoff@gmail.com 540-662-6401) if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 to help us protect all parishioners. Names will be kept in strictest confidence.

Service:

Parishioners are experiencing shortages of some basic supplies and area children and families already in financial distress (i.e. Brighter Futures) are in even more difficulty. If possible, parishioners with a bit extra are encouraged to make donations.

Staff:

As staff will be continuing to work to support our Bethel community (remotely), it was recommended that staff continue to be paid, recognizing that it might mean use of the Bethel line of credit for a time. Parishioners are encouraged to donate by mail or via one of our technological tools.

Pastor Dave led us in prayer to wrap-up the meeting.

Council President Traci Shoberg adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted pending Council approval,

John Fredericksen

Substitute Secretary