

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING FROM THE APRIL 15, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. with a prayer offered by Jane. Present at the meeting were Michelle Angeli, Charlie Frater, Charlton Henry, Jackie Abend, Kate Hausner, Cyndie Dixon, Pastor Teklu, Zac Huffman, and Jane Felsentreger. Not attending were Carole Cook who attends a class on Thursday nights and Sandi Corwin who had technique difficulties.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin implementing St. Paul's Strategic Plan with regard to outdoor worship, music in the parking lot, and music instruction. Outdoor Worship is in addition to Sundays services.

Pastor Teklu presented his vision of outdoor worship. Outdoor Worship would take place on Saturdays in the parking lot on the west side of the church. Outdoor Worship will be informal. Members of our congregation will be invited to attend as well as members of the surrounding communities. A goal for the Outdoor Worship is to serve as an outreach to our surrounding communities. The worship would be a devotional with a welcoming, Bible verses, music, a devotional story, sharing of faith, ending with fellowship. The objective is to make it simple.

The Worship Committee made the following decisions:

1. Outdoor Worship will begin on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Since public schools will not complete their year until June 22<sup>nd</sup>, it was decided to hold this event in June every other Saturday - June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>.
2. The time will be 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
3. Attendees will park on the east side of the church and the dentist's office will be asked for the use of their parking lot.
4. Michelle Angeli and Charlton Henry are in charge of the music. It was suggested that perhaps Charlton could accompany the singing with his trombone some of the time.
5. Saturday's Outdoor Worship will be publicized through FaceBook (Michelle), the Patch (Cyndie), Website, Newsletter (Jane), and the church's outdoor sign.
6. Fellowship will follow the worship portion of the event. A portable basketball hoop is being purchased and will be housed in the shed. Pastor has basketballs. Cyndie Dixon and Kate Hausner volunteered to organize other games. Suggested games and activities were hopscotch, 4 square (concern about the highway in front of the church), Mother May, Duck Duck Goose, Simon Says.

7. The church will provide bottles of water with the possibility of refreshments being offered later in the summer if COVID restrictions allow.
8. If it rains the event will be moved inside the Fellowship Hall offering the simple worship time and appropriate inside games. Judy Tribby will be contacted concerning the Bingo Game. (Thoughts must be given to the number of people inside and how to social distance.)
9. Everyone will wear a mask and practice social distancing. It was reported that sports teams when playing were not wearing masks. No decision was made concerning this issue.
10. If the event "Music in the Parking Lot", lead by Charlton Henry, wanted to play before 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays it would be welcomed.

It was the recommendation of the chairman to concentrate on Outdoor Worship on Saturdays and not add the activities of music instruction or Music in the Parking Lot at this time. The idea being to use our energies to make the Outdoor Worship on Saturdays a success and not "burn out" our volunteers.

A short review of Sunday Worship Services was offered by Jane – all positive. Jackie Abend brought up "wiping down" of the pews at the end of the service. In the school where she works no one is required to wipe down their area when they leave. She was also concerned about the wipes not being good for the wood. Jane explained that she had talked with Judy Tribby and Patrice Jenstrom before the reopening and this was their suggestion. Patrice had researched the use of Clorox Wipes on wood and reported that the wipes would not harm the wood. Jane will talk again with both Judy and Patrice concerning this matter.

Pastor Teklu offered the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Jane Felsentreger, Chairman of the Worship Committee