

Pastor's Report, October 18, 2020

This month's report looks different.

Instead of reporting on what is happening - all information you can get in the announcements - I'd like us to turn our discussion to necessary items and visionary conversation.

Necessary items: *(Let's plan 15 minutes for this part. I'm setting a timer.)*

*Please give some thought to these items, so we can move through them rather quickly.

Association Fall Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9-noon via zoom.

Anyone interested in attending?

New Tech:

In a workshop, I learned of tech that may do what we need for much less than the company I spoke with. I will investigate further. We will still need reliable people who are willing to learn and run it.

Annual Meeting:

Our annual meeting needs to be held on or before the last Sunday of January. I would like 2 people from council to work with me on preparing for it - getting budget and reports, planning format, etc. At this time, I'm assuming it will be via zoom?
Budget committee meeting?

In person gatherings:

Do we want to have in person gatherings in the building? If so...

1. Will we allow outside groups to use the building?
2. Considering social distancing, what would be the maximum number in the hall?
Side room? Are there any rooms we will keep closed?
3. Thoughts about Evening Prayer service coming inside when weather is too cold?

I have mixed feelings. It would mean limiting numbers and enforcing protocols, which is why we decided not to have Sunday morning worship - although the service is already set up to be low risk of contagion. We could also require sign ups and add another service if needed. If we say 'yes', who will enforce protocols?

If we allow inside, in person gatherings, I suggest protocols become building policies that cover anyone using our building.

With our outside gatherings we have required masks, social distancing, and, when necessary, sanitizing the space.

FYI - Advent and Christmas:

Kat, Dick, Cathy, and I met to discuss the upcoming season. We have some engaging activities and worship services planned, including Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve worship: facebook live at 5pm and a candlelight service at the park across from the church at 7pm.

Visionary Conversation:

On Oct. 1, I attended a workshop on Digital Church hosted by the association. It was led by Cameron Tribble who wrote the article below.

<https://convergenceus.org/2020/04/02/ten-ways-the-church-will-be-changed-by-covid-19>

I'd like to spend some time discussing the article (how does this apply to us, if at all?) and your thoughts about the 4 questions below:

As we continue to create opportunities for community and do ministry...

1. What is working?
2. What is not working?
3. What is working, but not effective?
4. What is missing?

Report:

September stats:

Visits: 14
 Contacts: 31
 Weddings: 1 (Ulrich)
 Funerals: 1 (Pace)
 Meetings: 4

Week of...(Sunday)		9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27
Adult Study	4	5	9	6	(oct)
Prayer/Nature walk	2	5 +2 kids	-----	-----	-----
Sunday Evening Prayer Service		20	30+	~20	20

Attended Heartland Conference Annual Meeting (formerly known as Ohio Conference)
 Attended Weekly Worship Design Studio webinars

Personal Note:

My involvement in the wider church:
 NEOSOM – the association’s continuing education/formation program
 I meet monthly with my UCC clergy community of practice

I’m enrolled in CPE until mid-Dec.

Respectfully submitted, Tina Green

***Marketing and Communications:**

Cali and I continue to communicate about marketing. She is ensuring our presence on facebook and instagram, keeping up with church happenings and creating interesting posts.

***Building and Grounds:**

Council decided to put the door on hold in order to prioritize money to tech.
Still working on the water holding tank to help with water pressure.
Nick changed the side door handle and will work on the doorframe. Thanks, Nick!