

Worship and Music Committee

April 27th, 2021: 6:30pm (Remote conferencing via Zoom, Good Shepherd Room, Madison)

Attendees: Jared, Sarah, Karen, Judy, Betsy, Mike, Barb, Amy, Donna

Warmest Welcome Back to Everyone! ☺

Meeting Notes:

*****All Action Items will be highlighted in RED*****

1. Comments- Mike
 - a. Goal of this meeting is to re-acclimate, no real decision-making
 - b. "A New Beginning"
 - c. "Boldly go here no committee has gone before"
 - d. **Shared leadership** committee
2. Devotion- Sarah (Matthew 11)
 - a. Resurrection vs Resuscitation
 - b. What can you release?
 - c. What can you resuscitate/release from pre-pandemic life?
 - d. What needs pure Holy resurrection?
3. Carry-over item- Assistant Director of Worship and Music (Jared)
 - a. Permanently paused → may not even fit in this year's plan (uncertain)
 - b. Children's music may be added to job description
 - c. Targeting possibly January 2022
 - d. Rick and Jared have kept in contact with candidates- two still interested
4. Feedback- Indoor/Outdoor worship
 - a. Overall going well
 - b. Indoor- average about 40/worship
 - i. No real logistical issues encountered
 - ii. Confirmation
 1. Last year's 8th graders – 4/25 (hit the 150 capacity)
 2. This year's 8th graders- 5/2
 3. Going forward new technology at Madison campus could enable a larger attendance for confirmation services
 - iii. Madison campus service- 5/9
 - iv. **THANK YOU Eric Holmer and GS foundation for technology technical and financial support!!!**
 - c. Outdoor
 - i. >300 at Easter
 - ii. 20-50 average since- mostly due to weather
 - iii. Why is this service condensed? Why less music?
 1. Based on the fall model, so could now increase
 2. With church school ending may be more appealing for families

- iv. Continue outdoor services post pandemic?
 - 1. Church has tent and space to make this more of a deliberate ministry going forward→ will be a fixture over summer 2021
 - 2. Need a bit more data to determine success of outdoor service
 - 3. Reservation is serving as informational above anything; no max capacity
- d. Streaming- remains constant from Jan to present
 - i. ~600 views per week (Btw. Sun and Wed)
 - ii. Pre-pandemic services averaged ~600 per weekend
- 5. Volunteers!!!- we need more!**
 - a. Help set up outdoor worship
 - b. Try adding request to eNews
 - c. Invite to Donna to reach out to WMA committee for any support needed
 - d. Re-evaluate the volunteer “job” descriptions post-pandemic
- 6. Reintroduction of musicians and music groups**
 - a. Set up a schedule for June?
 - i. Revisit discussion in June
 - ii. Singing in groups is still a concern→ strongly urging no communal singing until 70% herd immunity
 - iii. Could reintroduce at the 10:
 - b. Discussions ongoing at staff level→ want to see what happens with numbers as Madison workshops are added
 - i. So many groups that need to be mindful of fairness→ all decisions are made from a place of love
 - ii. Ask who may be interested→ find a pool of people and organize accordingly
 - iii. Will be a month to month process
 - iv. Opportunity for more recorded music?- not necessarily a large production, but maybe on an individual basis
 - c. Congregation members have preferences that dictate worship attendance
 - d. Music Mondays→ alternate in person and virtual
 - i. In tandem with Holy Cow- “Concerts with the Cow”; “Mooooovin’ Music”
 - e. Hand bells could start again
- 7. Worship schedule for May and June (communicated in Messenger)**
 - a. May-
 - i. Sunday and Wednesday will be exclusively at Madison; 10:30am outdoor at Verona
 - b. June-
 - i. 9am- Madison (may be at both campuses)
 - ii. 10:30am @ Verona

- iii. Continue Wed service- non-weekend options for travelers and may continue into the fall
- iv. Campfire worship Sundays at 6pm in Verona

8. Surveys

- a. May be too early right now; try in the fall?
- b. Reach out to other committees instead in the near term

9. Post Pandemic

- a. We need to brainstorm what this looks like
 - i. What do worship services (#s) look like?
 - ii. We have streaming capabilities right now, how does this change our previous structure?
- b. This could be an opportunity to gracefully change/alter our structure
- c. Dive deeper into “what is worship” to help guide us and our creativity
- d. Think about how to combine groups for consistency and support reduction/change in service structure (combine greeters and ushers → welcomers?)

10. THANK YOU to all staff and leadership for all the hard work and dedication this past year!!!

11. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th, 6:30pm at Verona campus.

12. Easter Prayer- Sarah.