



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

March 23, 2020

Kathy Breazeale

Jim Merk

Bob McKnight

Roger Curless

Pastor John

Wally Loague

Mary Terrell

**Worship** –We each lit a candle at home. Roger lead us through a responsive Reading from Psalm 121. We shared our personal joys and concerns over life during the Corona virus and necessary lifestyle changes.

**Minutes** of our last meeting are posted on the website.

### **Discussion of YouTube church and activities**

300+ people have viewed our Sunday Worship on YouTube March 21. It was accomplished with an I-pad. There were some sound issues. It will now be filmed in staff homes. Other Congregational YouTube and Zoom contacts up and running are: Monday Meditations with Pastor John, Tuesday Prayers with Kathy, Wednesday Midweek Moments with Michelle, Thursdays with Thew, Friday foods with Wesley, Saturday Sabbath and Sunday worship Watch Party @ 10am.

We need to remember and consider our members and friends who do not use the computer or email. Personal contact will be important.

We were reminded that refugees and immigrants will be feeling even more isolated at this time. Everyone is dealing with their own economics, job loss, furloughs. People are getting outside for exercise. Hased house is in need of food and volunteers, but are actually set up to handle ill and quarantined visitors due to already dealing with Tuberculosis issues. Bob McKnight will be in church parking lot this Monday, March 30 to collect donated items and take them to Hased House.

Pastor John has encouraged Staff to be in contact with their Small Group and check in with everyone.

### **Discussion of Managing Cash Flow**

John will be asking and reminding people to keep giving and the options that they have. Other churches are trying different approaches, such as sending envelopes to then be mailed back. We want to encourage and give information

to our people about giving. Organizations who Space Share with us will have to be contacted.

Jenny Pawlowski has been going into the office 2X a week to do deposits and write checks. We are now using an outdoor mailbox at May St. entrance. We are still waiting for statement of apportionments from the NIC. Jenny also walks through the building to check for any issues also checks the church's voicemail message. It was suggested we give our janitor, Claire, special cleaning projects such as carpet cleaning, etc. Rich Brown reported that due to Wall Street issues our Endowment is down 30%.

We would like to set up a way to contact everyone in the directory, either by email or personal phone call to check in and see how everyone is doing and ask if they need anything. Kathy will divide up the Directory alphabetically and assign to Board Members. She will also contact Meredith Lindgren and Carol Stoffel to see if they would like to be a part of this effort.

### **Easter & Holy Week**

Planning is still ongoing. Staff is working on how to use all internet avenues. Possibly recording people, children and produce a great service. Certainly, after the Corona Virus crisis is resolved we will have Worship together and an epic Celebration.

### **Capital Campaign**

Indoor painting and outdoor projects such as concrete work still pending. Wally will monitor these and do when the monies allow.

**The UMC General Conference in May has been cancelled.**

### **Closing**

Roger closed the meeting with the thought to consider this time of enforced stay at home like the Jewish consider then Sabbath – a sacred time.

**Next meeting: Monday March 30, 2020 by zoom at 2:00 pm.**