

Hilltop United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Present via video conference: Matt Sipe, Don Putzier, Derrick Galinat, Paulette Adams, Stacy Vanderwerf, Karla Lassonde, and Mark Wright.

Don Putzier opened the meeting with prayer and all recited the Lord's Prayer together.

Due to several members being absent, an informal meeting was held to update and discuss various church activities coming up:

1. Advent and Christmas planning—A Christmas Eve service will be pre-recorded professionally on November 14. Fifty Advent boxes will be prepared for families to use during Advent. Ideas are welcome for an online Children's program—Karla will connect with Debby Westby regarding this. Don will coordinate with Pastor Matt regarding Advent readings for family participation during each Sunday Advent.
2. Connect groups have started, with 17 attending an in-person group this week.
3. Jesus Food packing event will be held on October 31. Our big head fundraiser will provide support for this activity
4. Stewardship—A Stewardship sermon series will run Oct. 18 through Nov. 1. A stewardship letter has just been sent out to members.
5. Drive through opportunities—The October drive-through communion was very successful. On All Saints Sunday November 1, drive through opportunities will also give people opportunities for candle lighting, turning in stewardship cards, and receive cinnamon rolls and coffee.
6. Operation Christmas Child—Paulette is coordinating this again. This year will be limited to receiving shoeboxes, packing cartons, and loading on the truck. While the church is providing funds, donations are welcome.
7. Prayer partners—Many have signed up as prayer partners.
8. MCCI update—Don provided an update for the sanctuary sub team. Based on recommendations from team, several architects have been contacted to assist in the process of developing a plan for sanctuary upgrades. Don will meet with the first architect on October 19.
9. Looking ahead to 2021—Pastor Matt discussed some possible ideas for Ash Wednesday. Various aspects of worship, including imposition of ashes, are difficult during COVID.
10. Trustees and budget—Derrick indicated a trustee budget for 2021 is being worked on.

Matt closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted, Don Putzier