

Programme Committee Meeting

on April 14, 2020

11 a.m. by Zoom

The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

Welcome –The following people met by a Zoom Call: Gord Dunbar, David Hamilton, Jim Zarubick, Emily Perry and Judy Zarubick.

Check In – what have you been doing more of that has helped you during this time of staying home

Worship – Judy Zarubick read the poem, “Opening without Words” by Mark Nepo from the Book Sabbath by Wayne Muller followed by prayer.

Approval of minutes

Moved by Emily Perry and Seconded by Jim Zarubick

That the minutes of February 11, 2020 be approved as circulated. Carried

Emails and Updates

1. Request for wedding and update re: wedding postponed due to pandemic

On February 27, 2020 Moved by Randy Norris Seconded by Teresa Perfremment and Carried

That Gord Dunbar on behalf of Kincardine United Church conduct the marriage ceremony on Saturday, March 28th at the Erie Belle for Shannon Lee Deschambault and Lee Gregory Wessels.

That Gord Dunbar on behalf of Kincardine United Church conduct the marriage ceremony on October 2nd at the Listowel Golf Course for Vanessa Koepke and her fiancé Nikhil

Moved to Ratify February 27, 2020 email by Jim Zarubick and seconded by Emily Perry.

Carried

The wedding that was planned for March 28 was cancelled and will be rescheduled for later.

2. In order to stay in contact with our congregation,

We have purchased under our \$500 budget line "Software upgrades for Projection" and through Tech Soup Canada for non-profits a Zoom Pro Account with Webinar capability for a cost of \$500.58. This will allow us and other committees to have Zoom meetings, and to use the Webinar capability to record and live-stream our worship services.

- 3. Zoom and You Tube** Gord Dunbar and Judy Zarubick have been recording the Fireside Chats and then having Terry Boyd upload a link to our webpage which sends the chat to YouTube. Sunday Services are livestreamed to Zoom and following the completion of the service the link is sent to Terry Boyd and he uploads the link to our webpage which sends the worship service to YouTube. Eventually we will be livestreaming to YouTube directly.

We have live streamed 2 Sundays to Zoom –

1st week – 28 households joined live on Zoom; 2nd week – 48 households joined live on Zoom

We have not yet live streamed to YouTube but Views on YouTube as of today...

Fireside Chats – March 27 – 19 views; March 31- 21 views; April 3 – 48 views; April 5 – 35 views; April 7 – 29 views; April 9 – 28 views

Palm Sunday – 35 views; Good Friday – 26 views; Easter – 15 views

The question isHow long to keep Fireside Chats and Sunday Services on YouTube and our Webpage (which redirects to YouTube). **After discussion it was suggested that 2 weeks of Fireside Chats be kept on YouTube which would be 4 Fireside Chats and no more than 4 Worship Services remain on YouTube at a time and that we then also keep for a year 4 high season services that is Easter, Anniversary, Worldwide Communion and one other possibly a Christmas one.**

There has been some issues that have come up with Zoom with people entering meetings in order to disrupt. Zoom has been implementing security measures to try to address this issue, so we do have some strategies to use to stop or avoid this problem, hopefully it will not happen.

4. **Live Streaming License** – One License offered free upgrades to our reprint license (which allowed us to project hymns) include a podcast/streaming license which expires on April 15. They are now offering a discounted Annual podcast/streaming license which would be added to our Annual Reprint License and pro-rated to come due when our Annual reprint license needs to be renewed. Gord Dunbar and Judy Zarubick spoke about the time after Covid-19 where we will keep live streaming as well as worshipping in person so **it was agreed that Judy Zarubick will purchase the Annual pro-rated podcast/streaming license on behalf of the Programme Committee**

Updates to Church Calendar 2020

1. The Youth Service scheduled for March 29th is moved to June 14, the Annual Meeting for April 19 has been postponed, the Pulpit Supply that was arranged for May has been cancelled, Service of Lessons and Carols on May 31st cancelled, Hymn Sing scheduled for May 31st has been postponed and Eden Folk, and the Howlin Dog Jazz Band have also been cancelled for now. We are not doing the Iona or Taize Services at all. The Welsh Male Choir has been moved to 2021. David Hamilton will invite the Howlin Dog Jazz Band back when we reschedule the Hymn Sing. The Scottish Festival has been cancelled but have not heard about the Blues Festival because if they cancel we will then have a service.
2. All of the arranged Pulpit Supply from middle of March on has been cancelled until Gord Dunbar works with M&P to figure out rescheduling his time off and then we will look for Pulpit Supply.
3. Palm Sunday did get 20 palms in for the service; Mother's Day, since we will probably not be meeting by then - a suggestion was made that a virtual carnation be sent to all those Kincardine United Church people we have emails for in Power Church celebrating mothers, if you are a mother...thank you and asking everyone to remember their own mother, and that Father's Day was too far to decide about yet. It was also suggested that once we gather again in person that we consider having a party that celebrates all the events we have celebrated alone.

Other Business:

1. Property Ministry has David Hamilton doing security checks every day for insurance purposes. David is checking that the doors are locked, that no windows are broken, that there is no water

leaks anywhere, no toilets or taps running, that the lights are off, that the furnace is not smoking etc. Someone else is checking the fire extinguishers and the Exit lights

2. Gord Dunbar is exploring the possibility of creating small groups through Zoom calls, 6 to 8 members in a group with leader training as a way of deeping our faith, moving forward on our Strategic Plan and deepening connections. It overlaps with Membership and Mission.

Gord Dunbar closed with prayer

Date of next meeting Tuesday, May 12 at 11 a.m. by Zoom