

Emergency Vestry Meeting on Covid-19 Pandemic

March 14, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing

In attendance Pastor Mike, Jill Rosier, Senior Warden, Sandy Desharnais, Junior Warden, Becky Lentz, Treasurer, Sue Corman, Clerk, Karen Desjadon, Marybeth Snow, John Rowntree, Richard Binder, Lisa Macaraeg, Marcie Byrd, Kathy Blair, Dave Insley, Don Yelton, Paige Schaller, and Laurie Ascani, Parish Administrator. Missing was John Lewis and George Walker.

The meeting began online at 9:08AM with Pastor Mike leading the group in Morning Prayer of "The Invitatory and Psalter".

Pastor Mike referred to the Bishop's letter which recommended closing the churches in the diocese after the March 15 services. An open discussion ensued with concerns of how to handle the closing and still continue to reach out to our parish community, and our outreach programs. Additionally, Jill expressed concern regarding following the Bishops letter verses closing immediately. Following much discussion, the Vestry agreed to close the church effective Sunday March 15.

Pastor Mike would be at the church for those who might not get the message, a service would be celebrated via Zoom invitation to all parishioners.

Much more conversation continued as Pastor Mike asked vestry members to consider how we can keep the community together during this difficult time as well as reaching out to the greater community. Issues include communication to all parishioners, overcoming the lack of email for some, assistance for non-tech savvy people, support for at risk parishioners in the form of food, premade meals or shopping, as well as the churches financial security. Laurie mentioned that she has had discussions with AA already regarding their meetings.

The decision was made to have Vestry members make calls to each parishioner, Laurie and Abby to compile the list. Comedy Night to be postponed until late May. Lenten services will be offered via Zoom or another platform. Local Access TV will be explored as an option for services.

Karen Desjadon is now a full Vestry Member as a result of the resignation of George Walker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Corman
Clerk of the Vestry