

The Commission Chairs met for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 24, 2022 by Zoom. Present were Convener Cheryl Martin, Zenebe Abebe, Martha Yoder Maust, Herb Troyer, Joyce Troyer, Brian Bither, Brittany Bither, and Frank Kandel. Absent were Mike Wigginton and Craig Oury.

Cheryl opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Wigginton reported in absentia that the Administrative Commission is working on sign replacement estimates, and paving estimates. Also looking for someone that could be contracted to redesign the webpage. Finally, they are working on the logistics for the in-person gathering on March 6th.

Martha reported on the Discipling Commission work in overseeing the Sunday School Class on the LGBTQIA question. Also, Discipling Commission is taking the lead in organizing for the upcoming Widerstand Congregational Racial Audit. Laura Harms Rosales is organizing Sunday School classes for children and youth beginning on March 13.

Zenebe shared the Purpose and Mission statement on behalf of the Outreach Commission--"...to share the love of Christ

beyond our church...". Also, the Outreach Commission has an entry in the Newsletter each week to keep the congregation informed. Outreach is working together with Discipling to designate a Sunday when the adults and children can work together to process the bottle caps that we have been collecting.

Brittany reported for the Worship Commission that they are gearing up for in-person worship, beginning with Lenten Service on March 1. She said it has been slow getting the music lined up for the upcoming in-person worship services and would appreciate our prayers and suggestions. There was discussion about the requirements that will be in place to attend in light of the pandemic. There will be no nursery services for the time being.

Pastor Brian reported that the worship services will be following the Lectionary for the next while which will be focusing on the Gospel of Luke. In addition to the Lent Service, Brian said there may be a Maundy Thursday Service as well. Brian said that he has been asked by Conference to serve as a Congregational Coach for the pastors at Mara and Emmanuel Living Christian Church.

Joyce reported from Spiritual Gifts Discernment Group, that a Sunday School Class will be offered beginning on March 13th for those interested in discerning their spiritual gifts.

Also, in Spring, they will begin the process of selecting persons as Congregational Representative to VAT.

Herb reported that the Community Life Commission will be meeting on March 22 to evaluate how people are doing in regards to coming back to church.

Cheryl reported on behalf of VAT that they are planning the March 6th Congregational Meeting for feedback on the LGBTQAI question especially in light of the May 27-30 special MCUSA delegate meeting coming up in Kansas City. Wilma Bailey has agreed to represent Shalom as delegate for this meeting.

Next Meeting: April 7, 6:00 p.m.