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JUNE 2020

From Your Moderator

Greetings Friends,

Your Church Council has been keeping busy - this issue of the 'Follower' has three-sets of minutes for you to read during your stay-at-home time.

Just to touch on one topic within the May minutes, your Council has voted and decided to continue with the Sunday church service via 'ZOOM' at least through the end of June (6/28). At the June Council Meeting (6/15) the topic will be re-visited to decide our course-of-action for July.

Speaking of Council Meetings ...

It is in the Church By-Laws that any member of Faith Church can attend the Council meetings "in a non-participating observational manor." With that, Council has continued to meet via 'ZOOM' and the past couple months I failed to mention that if any church member would like to observe a Council Meeting please inform me and on the day of the meeting I will send you the link to 'ZOOM' via email.

As we did for Mother's day, I'm sure we will be honoring the men on Father's day possibly in the same manner. These celebrations are different but they are made enjoyable.

Throughout the state, the country, the world, many celebrations have been canceled, that of course also holds-true for Faith Church. The church BBQ and pool party normally held in July has been canceled for this year.

Until we meet again in person, I wish you a pleasant June and good health!

**Fondly,
Richard**

"Father's Day" Special:

Father's day is Sunday, June 21. We are preparing a special slide show. Let's not only celebrate fathers but also the influential men who have played an important role in your life. Please share a photo of him with us. Please send us a picture via email, text, Facebook. Or you may also drop off a copy at the office. The deadline is **Wed, June 17.**

Email: faithchurchucc@verizon.net

Text: call 941-746-8890 for a number to text to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/faithuccbradenton/?eid=ARBORC-igbCi3h7-ko-CI2ExRZQcvVxXVII1b6RON5NVa1RRoGOQ9mBmG95JM2FazmQOjSJBsYQCLaBly>

Away for the Summer

Dear friends,

I will be flying up to Cleveland on Saturday, June 13 where I will spend two weeks quarantining in my sister's basement. In July and August, I will again be working at my northern church covering the senior minister's summer absence. I will be back in Florida at the end of August. Happily, I do plan to attend Faith Church zoom meetings this summer to the extent that I am able, Given my northern work schedule. So I hope it won't seem like such a long absence this time. Once again, I want to express my sincere gratitude to Faith Church for allowing me this contracted time up north during the summer. It is life-giving for me to get to reconnect with my family and it really helps us financially to be able to supplement our income.

**Lots of love,
Judy Bagley-Bonner**

Strengthen the Church

On Sunday, May 31 and continuing into June, we will collect a special offering to "Strengthen the Church". Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC.

Where does Strengthen the Church money go?

- To seed brand new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise.
- To help established churches begin projects working with refugees and immigrants.
- To fund creative ideas experimenting with new way Christian millennials are gathering.
- All of the above ... and so much more

Will you join us through our special mission offering to Strengthen the Church? How?

- Time - I will pray alongside my offering.
- Talent - I will tell the stories of my own church's engaging a Just World for All. (justworld@ucc.org)
- Treasure - I will donate towards Strengthen the Church.
- All of the above! J

Please note on your check the amount that you wish to give to the Strengthen for the Church and the amount that is for the regular offering. There is an option to designate the special offering if giving to Faith United Church online as well.

Thank you for your generosity.

SAM (Social Action and Missions):

Our local food pantries are critically low on food and we still want to be a help.

PICK UP

1. We will be happy to come to your home and pick your items up!! (call Babs -).

DROP OFF

2. You can deliver to church during office hours. (Call Faith for info on those hours 941-746-8890)

SHIPPED

3. You can purchase groceries online and have them delivered right to the food bank address. Call meals on wheels for more info at: 941-747-4655

MONETARY DONATIONS

4. You can send contributions to Meals On Wheels directly to them at 811 23rd Avenue East, Bradenton 34208. And through this link: <https://securepayment.link/mealsonwheelsplus/one-time-donation/>



Downtown Ministries

Also, we are also collecting plastic food bags which the Downtown Center needs for its delivery of clothes and food to the homeless. If you have extras of those (Like the plastic Publix grocery bags), please include them with your food items. Again, we will pick up!

Spirits and Spirituality

Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm

Every 2nd and 4th Monday

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84369277674?pwd=S_m9vZDVBOTZPaU9FbzlwUmlzQXAYdz09

Meeting ID: 843 6927 7674

Password: 253510

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- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
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Meals on Wheels PLUS
OF MANATEE



THE FOOD BANK
OF MANATEE

CRITICALLY NEEDED ITEMS

- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CANNED FRUITS
- MAC 'N' CHEESE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- BOXED RICE
- BOXED PASTA
- CANNED SOUPS

- CANNED MEAT
- 100% FRUIT JUICES
- BREAKFAST BARS
- OATMEAL
- POWDERED MILK
- APPLESAUCE
- DRIED BEANS
- TRAIL MIX

Donations can be dropped off or shipped directly to:
Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee
811 23rd Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34208

YOU ARE INVITED!

Church Chat: Friday, June 19 at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81674921042>

Meeting ID: 816 7492 1042

Dial by your location

- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
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- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 816 7492 1042

Coffee Talk: Saturday, June 27 at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82155844306>

Meeting ID: 821 5584 4306

Dial by your location

- +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Spirits and Spirituality: Starts on June 8th at 6:30 pm and will be 2nd and 4th Mondays through August 10th. We will start virtually and decide together if we want to go live somewhere when council votes to open the church up to in-person events.

Rainbow Pants Magazine: Pastor RBP (Rainbow Pants) and Jenny Crocker are working on a print Magazine to send to kids with activities, stories, etc... We will send each child their own magazine. Please email Faith at faithchurchucc@verizon.net to submit a name and address of someone who would like to receive this children's magazine.

Facilitating Worship: If you are technically able, please speak with Pastor Brian if you are willing and able to host a future Zoom Sunday service. 941-721-7495.

Church Chat: Friday, June 19 at 7pm - A virtual get-together to talk and see one another. We hope to have different people host this event. Give it a try. Remember you can join via computer or by regular phone. And think about if you would like to host in the future

Coffee Talk: Saturday, June 27 at 10am - A virtual get-together to talk. Just for fun let's try to have every participant come with a light social question.

PRAYER UPDATE

The Church prayed for Vicky and Ken's friend Diane Wallace for over a year. We started praying for her survival first and then her recovery after a terrible car accident. After much therapy and reconstruction, she is home now and she and her family sent a note of thanks for our support.



FAITH PRESCHOOL

Wendi Steinbach, Director

Faith Preschool's online auction fundraiser went really well! Thank you to all that participated in the auction and to Faith Quici for advertising our fundraiser. We appreciate your support!

We plan to have a small graduation for our VPK class sometime over the summer to say goodbye. We will miss this great group of children and we wish them all the best in kindergarten.

Enjoy your summer!!

Wendi Steinbach
Director

Choose to Shine!



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS for JUNE

June 7, 2020

Communion

Scripture: PJ Wideman

June 14, 2020

Scripture: Joan Sheehan

June 21, 2020

Scripture: Vicky Followell

June 28, 2020

Scripture: Linda Van Buskirk

If you would like to read scripture, please sign up by emailing:

faithchurchucc@verizon.net

Keeping Current

Thank you so very much for keeping up with your pledges. To fulfill your pledges, you can send a check to Faith United Church of Christ, 4850 SR 64 E, 34208 or to my home at - or by PayPal through the church website at faithchurchucc.com. Once again thank you for your generous and continuing contributions.

Judy Wetter
Financial Secretary

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
4-7-20

Present: Brian Bagley-Bonner, Judy Bagley-Bonner, Barbara Brownell, Richard Dilts, Connor Felix, Ken Followell, Vicky Followell, Sylvia Hull, Marge Kirchner, Linda Van Buskirk, Amy Van Dell, Judy, Wetter, PJ Widerman

Absent: Jenny Crocker, Faith Quici

Meeting opened at 6:32 pm by Moderator Richard Dilts
Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner offered the opening prayer.

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner provided an update on the status of Manatee County Schools, stating that they have enough sites for distribution of food to children in need and will not be using our parking lot for now.

Online services seem to be going well and Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner asked for Council members' feedback on whether or not conducting services from the church sanctuary or the pastors' home is more beneficial. Some thought it would be better at the church from a technical aspect, however others felt that the pastors' home is better as it provides a more intimate setting. It was pointed out that sometimes the signal or audio is not sufficient, dependent on the location of their router. Barbara Brownell suggested maybe looking into a router extension device to enhance their wifi signal. Ken Followell suggested that the pastors connect to the internet wifi through the ethernet cable directly instead of wirelessly. Moderator Richard Dilts has extra cables and can provide one to the church.

Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner stated that she is hesitant to travel to the church as when venturing out there is increased exposure risk to the virus. It was agreed by the pastors and the council that Easter service would be held at the church, however all other services would be conducted at the pastors' home.

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that Pastoral Care is going well and that Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner is handling most of the visits telephonically checking with all who desire or need it, while Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner is focusing on improving the services technically. Ken Followell added that he has received positive feedback on the Faith Care team and that the combination of Council, Faith Care and other volunteers has been successful. Vicky Followell stated that it is important to remember those who are essential workers.

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner and Judy Wetter reported that giving has been steady and many have continued to mail in their offerings consistently. Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner and Judy Wetter suggested that the Paypal account be reviewed to streamline giving and to find an

alternative way to assist with the convenience fee of 4 3.5% that it is being added to online giving. PJ Widerman suggested that perhaps an option for those donating to be able to add the fee to their donation might be helpful as she has donated to other non-profits and has done so. Vicky Followell stated that it may depend on the date of the account and will further research this information.

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner reported that the preschool typically follows the Manatee County Schools schedule and is currently closed due to the virus. Discussion was held about the options that the church, preschool and preschool employees have about the relief funds being available. Vicky Followell will research this and find the best option for the preschool and their employees to do so. Barbara Brownell asked if the VPK programs are still being funded despite the closure, however this is unknown.

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner provided an update on the available technology options for broadcasting services and conducting meetings such as Spirits and Spirituality. He stated that Youtube now has the ability for users to go "live" and he will explore options as it was noticed that Zoom has limitations and issues sometimes for large gatherings. Judy Wetter stated that many members and attendees may wish to continue attending virtually. Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner stated that several attendees have expressed their desire to continue attending virtually and emphasized the need to adapt services to meet this need. Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that there is a fund for technology that could be utilized to fund development of this area of worship, etc. Judy Wetter suggested that we should see what the larger churches are doing to adapt their services as well to use as a possible guide for our strategy. Barbara Brownell stated that the Parrish United Methodist Church pre-records their services and then posts them online. Ken Followell also stated the he regularly participates in an online meditation group with a chat option on Youtube.

Meeting adjourned by Moderator Richard Dilts.
The next regular meeting will be held on April 20th, 2020.
Closing prayer by Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner.

Faith United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes

4-20-20

Present: Brian Bagley-Bonner, Barbara Brownell, Jenny Crocker, Richard Dilts, Connor Felix, Ken Followell, Vicky Followell, Sylvia Hull, Marge Kirchner, Faith Quici, Linda Van Buskirk, Amy Van Dell, Judy Wetter, PJ Widerman

Meeting opened at 6:31 pm by Moderator Richard Dilts. Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner offered the opening prayer.

A motion to approve March's Council Meeting minutes was made by Judy Wetter and seconded by Vicky Followell. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports for both February and March was made by PJ Widerman and seconded by Marge Kirchner. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Judy Wetter stated that there is a decrease in giving as loose plate cash is no longer able to be collected. Judy Wetter clarified that this category is for funds that are anonymous donations that would normally be in the actual offering plates, however giving is still steady.

Church Secretary Report:

The calendars were reviewed. Faith Quici asked for confirmation that the May Council meeting will be held on May 18th. Moderator Richard Dilts confirmed.

Faith Quici noted to the Council that the food pantry bucket is currently empty and suggested encouraging people to continue to donate food. Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that it will be added to the Midweek Message. Barbara Brownell and Linda VanBuskirk volunteered to pick up donations if needed and that members are welcome to bring the donations to their residences as well. Faith Quici also stated that members can place their donations outside the main entrance to the church under the overhang as well.

Moderator's comments: Moderator Richard Dilts stated that he has received feedback from the congregation about the Easter service and will discuss it with the pastors at another time.

Pastor's report: Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that this week his office computer crashed and it was looked at but is unable to be recovered. He stated that the recording of Easter service was unfortunately lost as he had not been able to upload it to the church's Facebook page due to a glitch in Facebook and upload speeds being reduced.

Pastor Brian also stated that he is researching alternatives to Zoom that may be more conducive to the church's needs. Connor Felix asked if there could be a "co-host" for the services, etc. as Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner has been completing this task during services which is distracting from his primary task of conducting

services. Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that Moderator Richard Dilts has volunteered to do that 5 during services. Connor Felix volunteered to be a back up to Richard if needed. It was agreed upon by the whole Council that the key to services is the audio and visual connections that are made with members and attendees which is vital to their health and wellbeing.

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that ideas are needed to help integrate services in the future once things return to "normal" and in person services can be held again.

Old Business: Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner provided an update on the Manatee County Schools' progress with distribution of food to children, stating that they are able to cover this without the use of our parking lot, however they plan to start offering food distribution to adults as well and may need it in the future.

Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner reported that there is a Zoom meeting with Rev. John Vertigan and the Florida conference to discuss options of when UCC churches in Florida will reopen and the best way to handle that on Wednesday April 22nd. She will provide an update on how the meeting goes and may suggest recording it as well.

Pastor's phone update: Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner asked PJ Widerman if the phone she previously volunteered is still available as he is ready to update the Pastor's phone and was advised yes. They will coordinate to switch the current phone over to the new phone.

Judy Wetter and Vicky Followell provided an update on the Paypal account for donations, stating that the church must utilize the "commercial" account, despite being a non-profit. Vicky Followell will explore the church's options and make adjustments according for effectiveness. Vicky Followell also stated that she is coordinating the financial aspect of the church's account for the transition of corresponding council members to reflect the most current information with the church's accounts.

Linda VanBuskirk noted that the decision on how best to utilize the funds raised from the Tret Fure concert has not been made and it will be added to the May meeting agenda.

New Business: Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner reported during the Pastor's report that his office computer crashed and will unfortunately have to be completely replaced as it is irreparable. Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that he can probably do so for approximately \$600. He explained that the current computer cannot be replaced as it is an All-in-one computer and there is an issue with the Magnetic Hard Drive. Council all agreed that this is an immediate need that must be addressed. Judy Wetter made a motion to approve Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner to purchase a new computer up to \$1,000, which was seconded by Vicky Followell. It was noted that if the amount should exceed \$1,000, Executive Council will be notified and make any decisions on increasing the amount, which is not

Continued 4-20-20 council notes:

expected to be needed. Executive Council will report any such instance to the remaining Council ... members. Motion was carried.

Several members of the Council pledged their stimulus funds, which they were planning on tithing to the church already, to the purchase of the new computer.

Pastor Brian asked that, based on the amounts discussed, any excessive be permitted to be used for the advancement of the technology for services which was approved by Council.

Financial Secretary Judy Wetter requested that donors add a memo to their checks that the funds are to be designated for the computer purchase on their checks.

The current situation with the virus outbreak will be continuously monitored by the Council and should another special meeting be needed between now and the next scheduled Council meeting on May 18th, Moderator Richard Dilts will coordinate the scheduling of that meeting with other members of Council.

It was suggested that any reopening be a graduated reopening and Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner clarified that this would be a single-issue meeting to address any updates by the government as they are provided.

Linda VanBuskirk asked about Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner's planned trip from June to August at the northern UCC church. Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner reported that the senior pastor at that church has cancelled their sabbatical and that she may only go from July to August as typically done annually and that she will provide updates as needed. This item will be added to the agenda for the May meeting.

Linda VanBuskirk also commended Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner on his continuous hard work with the Pastor Rainbow Pants segment of service and suggested that he ask for volunteers to help him. Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner and Deputy Moderator Marge Kirchner both reported that Christian Education teacher Jenny Crocker has been adding to the content on the Facebook page and is doing a great job. She adds puzzles, riddles and other educational materials as well. It was suggested to add a link to the Youtube Channel to the Midweek Message in order to broaden the intended children's audience.

Departments and Committee Reports:

Worship: Sylvia Hull stated that once things return to "normal" she will coordinate a Worship Committee meeting and thanked all committee volunteers.

Property: PJ Widerman reported that the area has received much needed rain and that the grass areas around the church are being damaged by the lack of irrigation and sun exposure. She stated that she scheduled a meeting with the irrigation company we

have utilized in the past as they are able to work again and that the company will be replacing the main control mechanism on the irrigation system that is currently broken. They will then inspect the rest of the system for needed repairs and/or replacements and provide an estimate.

Social Actions and Missions (SAM): Barbara Brownell stated that the local food banks are really struggling and are in desperate needs of donations. She stated that food donations are better than monetary donations as the food banks are not able to convert the funds to food as effectively. Anyone in need of information on the types of food and other items needed can call Barbara Brownell for a complete list. Plastic bags are also needed to pack items in by Meals on Wheels and those can also be donated along with food and other items.

Barbara Brownell also reported that the annual giving for the One Great Hour of Sharing is lower than last year by a significant amount and requested that the offering window be extended by at least a week and that information about this be listed in the Midweek Message.

Community Outreach: Linda VanBuskirk suggested that the church work on developing an outreach strategy for the Pastor Rainbow Pants children's messages and stated that there are currently local information pages that are offering free classified ads.

Linda VanBuskirk also asked about the planned fundraising at local restaurants. She stated that it could possibly be done with takeout meals at the different participating restaurants. Council decided to table this issue for the time being as it would be very difficult to coordinate, although it was encouraged to support local businesses during this difficult time.

Faith Care: Ken Followell stated that his team is doing a great job and he has received wonderful feedback for their efforts.

Events and Fellowship: Nothing to report.

Christian Education: Jenny Crocker stated that she is continuing to post daily items on the church's Facebook page including riddles, puzzles, etc. and it was noted that she is doing a great job. Deputy Moderator Marge Kirchner stated that she thoroughly enjoys the posts and encouraged all to look at them.

A final review of the calendars was conducted and it was noted that the last day of Spirits and Spirituality for this period is coming up.

Closing prayer was offered by Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 18th, 2020.

Faith United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes

5-18-20

Present: Brian Bagley-Bonner, Barbara Brownell, Jenny Crocker, Richard Dilts, Connor Felix, Ken Followell, Vicky Followell, Sylvia Hull, Marge Kirchner, Faith Quici, Linda Van Buskirk, Amy Van Dell, Judy Wetter, PJ Widerman

Absent: none

Meeting opened at 6:34pm by Moderator Richard Dilts.

Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner offered the opening prayer.

A motion to approve April's Special and regular Council Meeting minutes was made by PJ Widerman and seconded by Linda VanBuskirk. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports for April was made by Marge Kirchner and seconded by Sylvia Hull. Motion carried.

Church Secretary Report:

The calendars were reviewed. Spirits and Spirituality will resume on June 8th and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month through August. Coffee Time will be held on Saturday May 30th at 10am and the next Church Chat will be held on June 19th at 7pm.

Faith Quici noted to the Council that there have been a few food pantry donations. It will continue to be advertised in the Midweek Message.

Moderator's comments: none

Pastor's report:

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that there were 16 participants in the first Church Chat event on Zoom and thanked Judy Wetter for hosting. The next Church Chat is scheduled for 06/19/2020 at 7:00pm.

Pastor Brian also stated that the pastors have continued to call members and church attendees as needed and have received positive feedback for the consistent calls from Council and church members to each other.

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner reported that Manatee County School Board is now looking to expand their provisions of food to adults in the district as well as children and will be needing more sites to distribute the food. He missed that last meeting, however there will be another meeting soon and he will obtain more information then.

Old Business:

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner reported that he and Pastor Judy attended a Zoom meeting of the UCC Conference and Florida clergy members and the official position is for churches to remain closed until the end of May and to

extend that on a month by month basis until the end of summer perhaps. There was also discussion at the meeting about the different ways to reopen and the measures required to do so, such as disinfecting between services, etc. Rev. John Vertigan is open to meet with Council to discuss options further and answer any questions in future meetings as needed.

Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner stated that the UCC Florida Conference is offering grants for pandemic relief if needed by congregations who have been negatively affected the most.

Pastor Brian reported that they have received opinions from church members and attendees via email as requested and most were not in a rush to do so for safety reasons.

It was decided that the services would continue to be held via Zoom throughout June and then, based on CDC and local official guidelines, Council will revisit the issue to determine the best course of action every month.

Once reopened, Pastor Brian stated that the goal is to have an online component to the services.

Ideas for an integrated service with both online and in person components were discussed and it was noted that there are members of the community that can possibly assist with providing an idea of what is needed to do this and how to best fit the church's needs. All Council members agree that the ability to interact with each other has been instrumental in keeping the church connected and has helped during this difficult time, especially for those ailing and/or alone.

Discussion was held on the status of the various groups who also utilize the building and it was decided that all groups except for NA, NarAnon and the Bradenton Apostolic Church will not be permitted to use the building through the end of June. The NA and NarAnon groups are deemed essential to those they serve and that their meetings could be a matter of life or death. The pastors and Moderator Richard Dilts will meet with the Bradenton Apostolic Church to determine how they will be using the building. It was noted that there will be a need to disinfect after services for all services and groups meeting in the building once it is reopened.

Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner stated that while he was able to recover his old computer's data, it still needs to be replaced and he will be doing that soon.

Pastor's phone update: Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner reported that he is working on replacing the pastoral care phone as approved by Council in a previous meeting. He stated that he and Pastor Judy just replaced their personal phones and one of those should work. Marge Kirchner stressed that the pastoral care phone is of the utmost importance and suggested that a new phone be purchased rather than using an old one.

Council members agreed. Pastor Brian will purchase a new phone.

PJ Widerman asked about the Easter service feedback and was advised that it has been discussed with the pastors.

Linda VanBuskirk asked about the dedication of the Tret Fure concert proceeds and stated that she would like it designated for a community garden if that is being pursued. The community garden has been discussed and it is not a viable option due to environmental factors and the layout of the property. Linda VanBuskirk then suggested that the funds be designated to help upgrade the landscaping. PJ Widerman and Vicky Followell stated that is a project they are exploring, however there is no specific plan as yet. Barbara Brownell suggested that the funds be put towards the technology needed to facilitate online components of future services and was advised that there are funds for that. Linda VanBuskirk made a motion to designate the \$747 in Tret Fure concert proceeds to the Property Committee for the purpose of updating the landscaping which was seconded by PJ Widerman. There was discussion and Barbara Brownell asked if the dedicated ten percent to the Mission Fund was taken out of the proceeds already. Vicky Followell stated that she believes so and that she would verify this. Motion carried.

Linda VanBuskirk thanked Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner and Jenny Crocker for their hard work on the Pastor Rainbow Pants lessons, Facebook page and YouTube channel, highlighting the need for more ways to advertise so more children and adults can benefit from the positive messages.

Departments and Committee Reports:

Events and Fellowship: Nothing to report.

Faith Care:

Ken Followell reported that he and his team are doing well and are still receiving positive feedback for their work as well as the Council's work in keeping in contact with members.

Worship: Nothing to report.

Community Outreach:

Linda VanBuskirk reported that the fundraising efforts at Sweet Tomatoes did not happen because of the outbreak and that the restaurant chain is now closing permanently as a result of the outbreak. She asked if further work was needed to look for other venues and Council advised that, due to the current situation, that must be placed on hold for now.

Property:

PJ Widerman thanked Vicky and Ken Followell for their continuous hard work on the grounds and especially the memorial garden. Vicky Followell stated that the fence of the garden would be cleaned soon.

Social Actions and Missions (SAM): Barbara Brownell asked about donations for the local food bank. There has been some donations and some people are wishing

to donate money as well so that food can be purchased, however Linda VanBuskirk stated that the food bank it is more efficient for them to receive food items instead. Connor Felix suggested that someone could take the money from the donations and buy the food and supplies instead.

Barbara Brownell also stated that the Strengthen the Church event starts Sunday May 24th. Pastor Brian stated that it would be added to the Midweek Message and that there would be a video to show during service as the Mission Moment.

Barbara Brownell also stated that there is another DART conference scheduled and Pastor Judy Bagley-Bonner will provide the dates once available.

Christian Education:

Jenny Crocker stated that she is continuing her focus on the Pastor Rainbow Pants page.

Closing prayer was offered by Pastor Brian Bagley-Bonner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 15th, 2020.

How to Access

SERVICES, SERMONS and BULLETINS



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All Sunday Services are now accessible though Zoom

MEETING ID: 850 1145 4779



VIDEO SERVICES POSTED

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NOTES AND BULLETINS

We provide PDF version of the bulletins located in our [google drive](#). Sermon notes are located in the " [NOTES](#) " section of our **Facebook** page. Please email us at faithchurchucc@verizon.net to sign up for our weekly email list to receive the bulletin and updates.